

# DevastationOnTheDelaware

## Author Bio – Mary A. Shafer

From the time her family got caught in the remnants of Hurricane Alma in 1966 when she was 5 years old, to waking up to the screaming wind of a tornado bearing down on her house in 1991, Mary Shafer's life has been shaped not insignificantly by severe weather.

She parlayed this interest into her 13-year position as weather coordinator for the Nockamixon Township Emergency Management Agency, and the moniker of "weather weenie," which she wears proudly. She's the founder of the Amateur Weather Enthusiasts of America (AWE-USA), and is currently at work on *The Storm Diaries*, a series of mystery novels based around the adventures of a forensic meteorologist.

In 2005, after three years of research, she published *Devastation on the Delaware: Stories and Images of the Deadly Flood of 1955*. The book came out a month after Hurricane Katrina demolished the Gulf Coast, and hurricane-caused flooding was on the front page of every newspaper in America.

The first printing of 2,500 copies sold out within 42 days. In 2010, Mary updated *Devastation*, releasing the revised second edition on August 18, the 55th anniversary of the flood. The 60th Anniversary edition was released on August 19, 2015, and the only comprehensive documentary of this regional weather disaster has sold more than 7,000 copies to date.

The presentation you're about to see covers those three terrible days and nights in August of 1955, when the Delaware and Lehigh Valleys of eastern Pennsylvania and western New Jersey were changed forever by what remains the worst flood in their history.

You can learn more about Mary and her other books at her author website, [MaryShafer.com](http://MaryShafer.com).



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