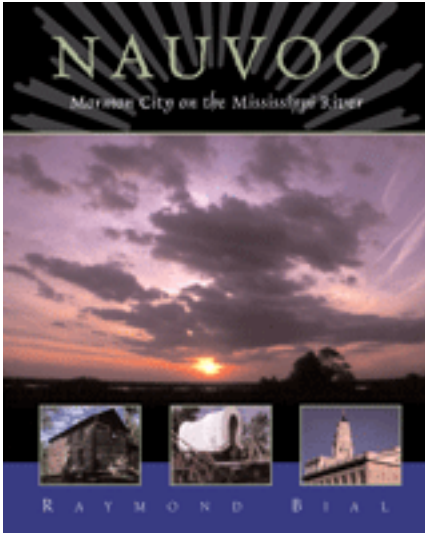


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Nauvoo

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Nauvoo, "the city beautiful," plays a significant role in our nation's history. Nestled on the banks of the Mississippi River, Nauvoo, Illinois, is considered the wellspring of the Mormon religion. During the mid-1800s, it was one of the most populated cities in the country. But today, few know and understand the importance of this prized city.

Facing adversity and opposition from communities nearby, the Mormons were forced to flee their home in Missouri and trek eastward across the Mississippi. Nauvoo was founded in 1839 and quickly became a large and prosperous city, boasting lovely homes and stores, sophisticated civil systems, and an industrious people. But with the rise of religious misconceptions and misplaced fear in the minds of their Illinois neighbors, would the Mormons be forced to run once again?

Raymond Bial's *Nauvoo: Mormon City on the Mississippi River* presents a compelling narrative of a little-known piece of American history. With striking photography and engaging text, Bial sheds light on the history of a often misunderstood people and their foundation in the heartland.

About the Author

Raymond Bial is the author and photo-illustrator of more than eighty critically acclaimed books for children and adults, including *The Underground Railroad*, *One-Room School*, *Ghost Towns of the American West*, *Tenement: Immigrant Life on the Lower East Side*, and many others. His subjects range from farm life to American social and cultural history. Bial's books have received numerous awards from the American Library Association, the Children's Book Council, and many other organizations. He lives with his wife, Linda, and children, Sarah and Luke, in Urbana, Illinois.