

# Let the Bunker Burn

The Final Battle with MOVE

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## From the Preface

History is replete with accounts of governmental atrocities more heinous than the tragedy this book is about. Genocide, torture, enslavement and other oppressions have been instruments of public policy employed by every form of government in every hemisphere. That women and innocent children were killed by the intentional acts of their local government is not new, but the context of the tragedy of May 13, 1985 is unique. Political, economic, social cultural or religious imperatives, based on bigotry justified by might, provided the rationalizations for historic atrocities. There was no reason to believe that the lives of black women and children would be held less dear than those of any other group.

There was no reason to believe that the homes and property of the black residents of the Osage neighborhood would be callously and maliciously destroyed. There was no reason to believe that city police would fire high caliber automatic weapons into a row house where children trembled in fear. There was no reason to believe that city police would, at the direction of their superiors and with the approval of the mayor, make a bomb and drop it on the same house.

