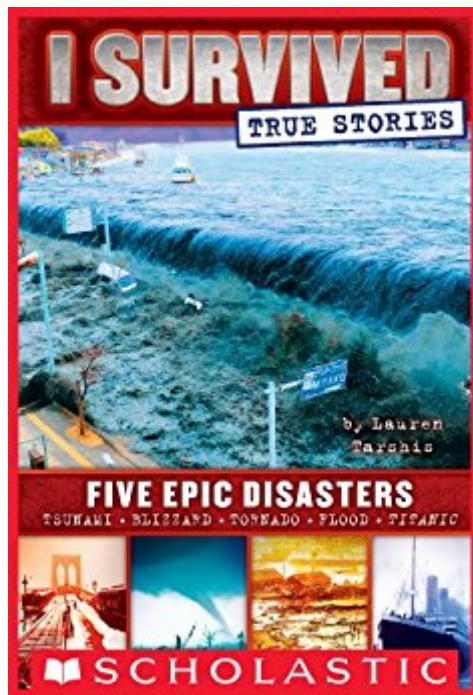


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# I Survived True Stories: Five Epic Disasters (I Survived Collection Book 1)



## Synopsis

REAL KIDS. REAL DISASTERS. From the author of the New York Times-bestselling I Survived series come five harrowing true stories of survival, featuring real kids in the midst of epic disasters. From a group of students surviving the 9.0 earthquake that set off a historic tsunami in Japan, to a boy nearly frozen on the prairie in 1888, these unforgettable kids lived to tell tales of unimaginable destruction -- and, against all odds, survival. Read their incredible stories: The Children's Blizzard, 1888; The Titanic Disaster, 1912; The Great Boston Molasses Flood, 1919; The Japanese Tsunami, 2011; The Henryville Tornado, 2012

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## Customer Reviews

My kids could not put this book down. At first, I was not going to buy the book because I thought it was a collection of other books that we have already read, with a few new ones thrown in. It is NOT! It is actually a series of true stories followed by "fact files", a few pages of interesting facts about the disaster. My kids were already familiar with a lot of these disasters but were so eager to learn about new ones. Great book! Highly recommend!

I have always enjoyed these true stories. I purchased this book to put on my classroom shelves and had to read it first myself. This one contained stories about the 2011 Tsunami that took out the power plant in Japan. I was very familiar with most of that information. There was a story about the Titanic which we are currently reading about in class. The Henryville tornado of 2012 was just a couple of years ago. I was very intrigued with the Children's Blizzard of 1888 since I grew up in Indiana. I lived in the country and was very familiar with tying ropes from a post on the porch of our house to our wash house, then out to the garage where we kept our chickens, to the barn and finally out to the gate and then the hog houses so we could feed them. I learned a lot about this blizzard I had never known before. The one I enjoyed the most was the Great Molasses Flood of 1919. I had heard it mentioned once or twice before but had never read anything about it. Lauren Tarshis does a fabulous job of making all of the information interesting to the reader. I also love that after each one she gives information on other similar incidents and gives a list of resources so the reader can do more of their own research. I really can't wait for my students to read this book.

I Survived: Five Epic Disasters is a nonfiction takeoff of a very popular new middle grade series of books of fiction based on true disasters. So, a nonfiction version of fiction books based on nonfiction events. (I think I said that right.) The author makes great choices in her selection of disasters, mixing some well-known events (Titanic) with some lesser-known, but equally powerful stories (Blizzard of 1888). These I Survived books fly off the shelves and I can't think of any reason this book won't also.

My son loves this series. Unfortunately, for the Kindle version of this set the font size can't be made larger, so it is too small for my son to read it on the Kindle app on his phone. We didn't have this problem with the individually purchased I Survived Kindle stories.

My 8 year old son loves these books. I personally felt the subject matter may be too dark for him, but since he was reading these series in school I figured I'd let him decide what's too dark for his taste. He reads the books from this series over and over. I was surprised how well these books make history interesting to kids of his age by relating the story some someone similar to their age. He just may know more about Titanic than I do.

This is a great collection of disaster stories! My daughters have loved reading one of these in the past and this book collects all of the ones she has read in the past with a few others to create one

great book that completely engaged her interests. She loved reading this and completely plowed through all of the stories and at the end she was clamoring for more! If your kids love disasters then this is one that you want to share with them! I highly recommend!\*I received this for review - all opinions are my own\*

I purchased this book for my son who is obsessed with weather and natural disasters. He absolutely loved this book! I actually read the book for myself and was amazed at how wonderfully well written it was. Not only did it have tons of descriptive details, we both loved that it was written about actual events in history. If you enjoy reading about natural disasters, this is the book for you! Not only do you get a great story, you get 5 great stories that will keep the pages turning.

Amazing stories. We own her single I Survived books and I was worried they would duplicate the stories. Not the case. Such a great read for any age. We learned so much reading it. I had no idea there was a molasses flood in our US History.

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