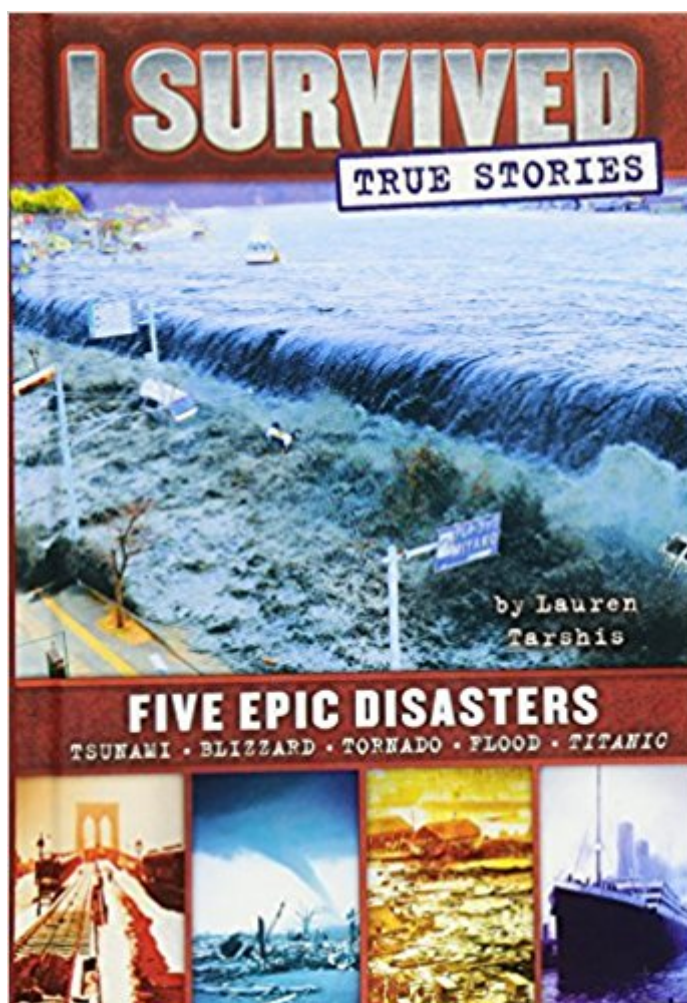


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# Five Epic Disasters (I Survived True Stories #1)



## 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

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

Gr 2-5 • Tarshis retells the stories of five natural disasters, including the sinking of the Titanic in 1912, the Children's Blizzard of 1888, and the Henryville Tornado in 2012, from the third-person perspective of a young person who survived each of the events. The narratives are factual yet still lively and suspenseful enough to hook readers. Students will also devour the author's "files," a brief conclusion to each tale that includes maps, fact boxes, survival tips, and her inspiration for each story. For instance, Tarshis relates how she first learned about Walter Allen nearly freezing to death in a prairie blizzard from reading David Laskin's The Children's Blizzard

(HarperCollins, 2004). Black-and-white illustrations and photos are numerous and appealing, such as a child holding baseball-sized hail in Henryville and a woman in a long gown working out in the Titanic's fitness room. Students wishing to read lengthier treatments of the disasters will find suggestions at the book's end. Ideal for a high-interest pick or a read-aloud for older students. — Vicki Reutter, State University of New York at Cortland

Praise for I Survived True Stories: Five Epic Disasters: "The narratives are factual yet still lively and suspenseful enough to hook readers. Ideal for a high-interest pick or a read-aloud for older students." -- School Library Journal  
Praise for I Survived True Stories: Tornado Terror!: "This high-interest addition to an already beloved series is a no-brainer for elementary school libraries." -- School Library Journal

I am 8 years old and I like to read books about real things and I really like I Survived books because it teaches you about real things that happened before. It has 5 stories in 1 book. One time I was reading it and I could not get my head out of this book. It was so so interesting that I could not stop. The stories in this book are children blizzard, the Titanic, tornado, flood, tsunami. The only thing about this book is that people die so don't read it if you think that you are going to have a hard time this book. Otherwise you should read this book!!!!!!!

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 to someone similar to their age. He just may know more about Titanic than I do.

I bought this for my son who loves reading books based on real stories. He is 7 years old and in 2nd grade. He loved the I Survived Natural Disasters book he bought from the book fair, so this one was purchased for an upcoming plane trip. He couldn't wait to read it, and had the first 2 stories read before I packed it! All 5 stories are in one book making it easier to keep up with and take along in his backpack to read at school. Looking forward to my younger children being able to read it in the future. And of course, it was a better deal than it would have been at the book fair.

None of the stories are complete. Each story is 30 pages long when in reality they are 90 - 100

pages. My son was so excited to get this book only to be let down that only 1/3 of each story is in this book. If you want the full stories buy them separately.

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.

Enjoyed this book and I think my 9 yr old great-nephew will enjoy also. So many learning moments here. And I was able to make a connection in one of the stories with my g-grandfather (that would be his gg-grandfather!

Loved it, that's at least my 7 year olds review of the book. He really enjoyed the whole series. Book came on time and in perfect condition. No doubts about recommending to a friend

It makes it sound like this is a combination of all 5 individual books. It's not. These are only about 30 pages per story rather than the 90 pages each individual story is. My daughter still enjoyed it, but I would have bought her the full versions had I known these were only snippets.

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