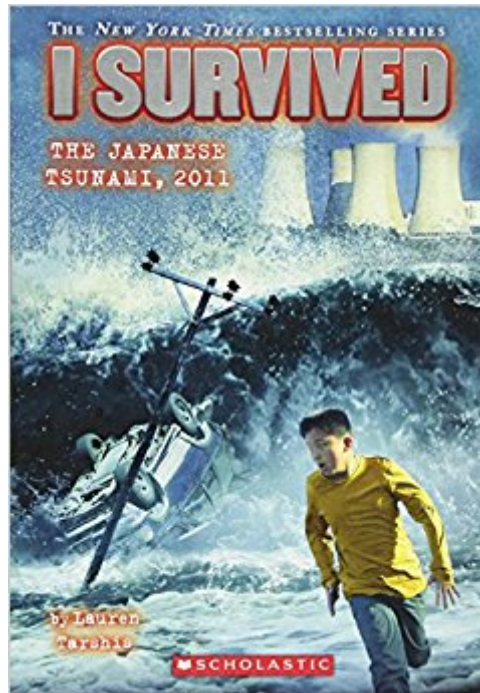




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# I Survived The Japanese Tsunami, 2011 (I Survived #8)



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The disaster felt around the world . . . Visiting his dad's hometown in Japan four months after his father's death would be hard enough for Ben. But one morning the pain turns to fear: first, a massive earthquake rocks the quiet coastal village, nearly toppling his uncle's house. Then the ocean waters rise and Ben and his family are swept away-and pulled apart-by a terrible tsunami. Now Ben is alone, stranded in a strange country a million miles from home. Can he fight hard enough to survive one of the most epic disasters of all time?

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exploration of what it means to be a hero." --BOOKLIST

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I bought this book for my daughter so she could have something fun to read during my son's recent physical therapy evaluation. She finished probably 10 minutes before we were done, and then gave me the stink eye when I told her she could then read in her Everything Your Fourth Grader Needs to Know Book...yah, I'm totally no fun that way ;) Actually, I'd thought for sure this would probably keep her occupied more than half an hour and hadn't purchased her a second, so I didn't have anything else on my kindle to hit her with that wasn't something she finds even more snoozy, like Jane Austin. The rating comes from her, she really enjoys the books in this series and this was no exception. She says this is fictional (as in the characters and events described), but based off of real life events. She gave me a play by play later that day, but won't repeat anything now (I am honest enough to admit I was only partially paying attention because something came up with her brother at the same time and so I tuned some of her description), and she says she doesn't want to be a spoiler for the sake of this review. I think it could be she's not too thrilled I'm interrupting her while she's reading her brand new Animal Jam book to do this. I do remember she was super excited because the main character's cat saves him in the Tsunami. I told her it's a good thing we don't live near the ocean, because our Catzilla wouldn't even think about doing that. She said what she likes most about these books is that they are all about disasters, and she "likes reading about disasters...ha, ha, ha, ha, ha!!!!" I feel like it almost needed to be a "muah ha ha ha ha" based on the tone she used, but ... Anyways, she likes these a lot and is chuckling over my shoulder as we speak about my last sentence and is now trying to sweet talk me into a lollipop. Which I've used to extort the additional information about the book out of her about the plot line: Basically there was a kid in his uncle's house and that's when the earthquake happened, and they got out of the house and into a car, and that's when the Tsunami caught up to them, and if they want to know more they'll have to read it for themselves. I think that's as good as we're going to get. I think she gets this from me, because I won't ever tell her what's going to happen next when I'm reading to her or watching movies with her for things I'm already familiar with. I think this is payback kiddo style ;)

"I Survived the Japanese Tsunami" is a beyond amazing book. When my mom first gave me the book I immediately started reading it. I started reading it literally as soon as she handed it to me. "I Survived the Japanese Tsunami" has a perfect amount of action, suspense, and has characters that relate to me. That is everything I like in a book! Ben is visiting his father's hometown in Japan only 4 months after his dad's death. But one morning a terrible earthquake happens nearly toppling his uncle's house. Then a tsunami washes away what is left of the village! Will Ben and his family survive?" "I Survived the Japanese Tsunami" has tons of action. For example, on page 20 it says, "But the rumbling got louder and louder, and the bed began to shake. This has action because the earthquake just hit and the whole house is shaking and won't stop. Also on page 35 says, "A gigantic wave, taller than a building, and so wide he couldn't see where it started or ended. It seemed to stretch endlessly across the ocean. That has action because a giant tsunami is coming towards Ben and destroying everything in its path. That is why "I Survived the Japanese Tsunami" has plenty of action." "I Survived the Japanese Tsunami" also has a lot of suspense. For example, on page 39 it says, "And suddenly there was water all around them, foaming black water, rising up angry waves! That is suspenseful because Ben's family is in the car trying to speed away from the massive wave. Also on page 40 it says, "The door popped open. Ojisan fell out of the car. That is suspenseful because Ojisan fell out of the car when the wave hit it! That is why "I Survived the Japanese Tsunami" is suspenseful. I want to know what is going to happen next! I also like this book because the main character, Ben, is like me. For example, on page 28 it says, "She howled and scratched at him, but he managed to pull her back so that Harry could grab her. That relates to me because I also have a pet that doesn't like me-for no reason. On page 29 it says, "Finally the shaking stopped. That is relatable to me because I have also been in an earthquake. Also, Ben has a younger brother named Harry. I also have a younger sibling. That is why the main character relates to me. Throughout the story, Ben realizes to never give up hope. The author tells me to persevere through tough challenges that may happen in the nearby future. I rate this book 5 out of 5 stars! I loved reading the book so much I made my mom get me the whole "I Survived" series. I promise that you will love this book!

Much to my dismay, my 11-year old son does NOT love reading at all. However, he reads the I

Survived books from cover-to-cover as soon as I buy them for him. He tells me all about the stories and the history that he learned in the books. I can't ask for much more for an otherwise reluctant reader!

My oldest loves the 'I Survived' series books. He really liked the Tsunami one and even did a book report on it. For our family, the books create conversations about natural disasters, what happens and the likelihood of having them where we live. The central character helps draw in the reader, plus he and his family have a good ending, so it doesn't easily upset younger readers.

Arrived on time as it was a gift for my Kid. Loved it.

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I'm a teacher and the kids in my class love the I Survived books.

Great realistic stories that are educational and entertaining. My kids have really enjoyed the entire series and finish the book with a better understanding of the events and actions involved, without feeling like they are sitting in a classroom listening to lecture.

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