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# I Survived Hurricane Katrina, 2005



## Synopsis

The horror of Hurricane Katrina is brought vividly to life in this fictional account of a boy, a dog, and the storm of the century. Barry's family tries to evacuate before Hurricane Katrina hits their home in New Orleans. But when Barry's little sister gets terribly sick, they're forced to stay home and wait out the storm. At first, Katrina doesn't seem to be as bad as predicted. But overnight the levees break, and Barry's world is literally torn apart. He's swept away by the floodwaters, away from his family. Can he survive the storm of the century -- alone?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

I am struggling with getting my 9 year old (in the 4.1 to 5.1 AR Zone) son to love reading and he is fighting me tooth and nail, every step of the way, from dusk till dawn, inside and out, top to bottom, fluoxetine to alprazolam, etc.etc., so this book has been a great blessing. The book is told from the perspective of the most likely reader, a 10 year old boy how survives katrina. This book is 95 pages long with a 3 page addendum that answers questions about after the storm/ aftermath. You will find illustrations about every 10 pages (my son still likes pictures). My son really developed a new empathy of the Hurrican Katrina and he was very concerned about the main character, little boy named 'Barry' and 'Cruz' the dog that survived with him. This is exactly what some boys need in

books: Action, Action, and more Action. I hope the author will continue to churn these little gems out.

My kid is 8 and loves to read these books, he likes that they have a "real" aspect to them...he is an extremely picky reader and it is so hard to find books that he likes to read, so I am amazed he loves to read this set of books, there has not been one yet from the series that he has not thoroughly enjoyed!

In this third installment in the series, Tarshis focuses on a tragedy closer to home and closer to now. Barry is an adolescent boy, living in the 9th ward in New Orleans. He's just a regular boy, at home with his family when THE STORM hits. Usually, there is a build-up to the action, but in these books, the disaster just happens. In this book, chapter 2! Barry and his family try to flee from the hurricane, but his baby sister gets a bad case of the flu and the family is forced to go home and ride the storm out. Their situation is one true for so many unfortunate families and Tarshis pulls no punches. After his house floods, Barry and his father hack through the attic roof for survival. Barry is swept into the deluge by the wind. While the books are all called I Survived, the how and when is the part that is so gripping to the reader. These books are excellent for low and reluctant readers, especially boys. The sentences are short, clipped and full of action and adventure. The book itself is also very short and is focuses on the action sequences of survival. If you have a boy in your home ages 8 and up or a teen who doesn't like reading, this one is a sure hit.

Have you ever read any of the I survived series well here is a good one hurricane katrina. This book is about a boy who survived it all by himself so let me tell you what happened. One day while the luke was watching a football game with his dad it started raining really hard while they were watching football he decided to take a nap. While that happened the water entered the door and started to flood the bottom part of the house then luke and his family stayed up on the roof so they couldn't get touched by the water and no one would get lost in it. Luke got separated from his family so he was on his own, he found a house that had one of the meanest dogs in it but turned out he wasn't. The dog became to be his best friend while it happened. In conclusion Why I liked this book is because It teaches you that you could use a friend every once and a while. The main character was good at remembering what to do during one of these kinds of situations. Another thing is they described what was happening in the book very well so you could imagine in your head what was going on. The main character is a brave kid who seems like he can handle himself. The dog helped

him through his struggles while he was down, and what would you do if you were in this kind of situation. Written by Diego, 7th grade

My child loved this book, and she learned so much about Katrina. While fiction, this narrative more than likely - sadly - took place far too many times during that horrific storm and aftermath. An ultimately redemptive account of one sweet family's struggle to stay alive!!!

I purchased this book for my 9 1/2 year old grandson. He really loves this series, and quite enjoyed this book. It was easy for him to read and understand, and kept him interested (and talking about it) to the end of the book. I highly recommend this book, and this series, for young readers who want something "real" to read about.

I love this book it's awesome it's sad and all. But it's still my favorite book I want to read more of these books I think who ever made these books should like get some sort of reward cause like these are amazing books

This book was purchased as a gift for a 9 year old. He was quite excited to receive it, especially since this story references events during his year of birth. The larger series is also popular with his friends, and they share comments about which books they like the best. These books are well written to hold the attention of youngsters, so I am very pleased.

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