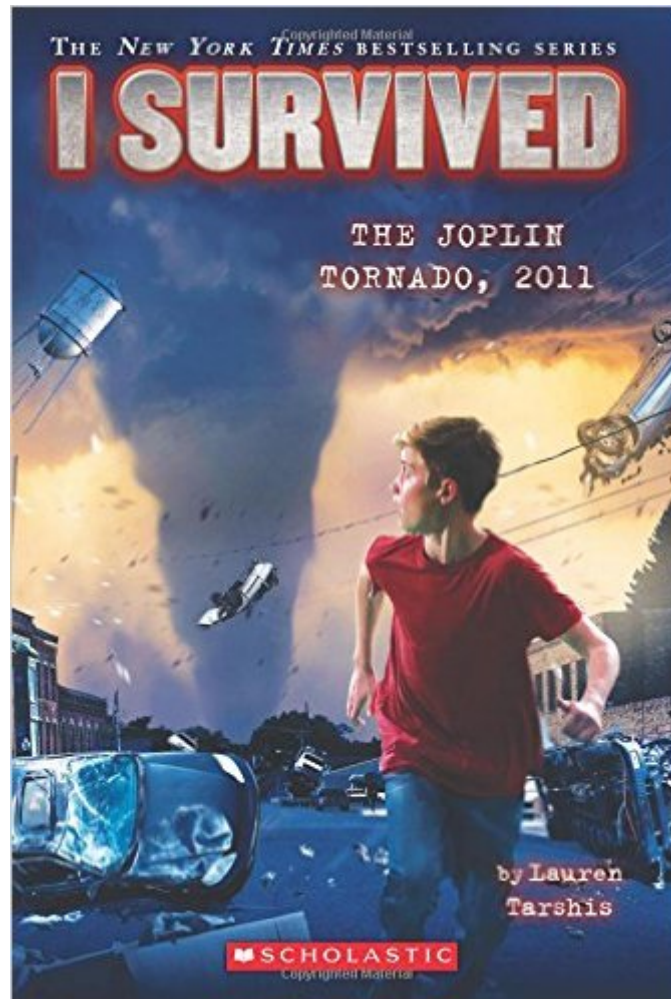


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# I Survived The Joplin Tornado, 2011 (I Survived #12)



## Synopsis

A destructive force is about to hit the city of Joplin... Eleven-year-old Dexter has always wanted to see a tornado. So when he gets the incredible opportunity to go storm chasing with the famous Dr. Norman Rays, he has to say yes! Dr. Rays is the host of Tornado Mysteries, the show that Dex and his older brother, Jeremy, watched every night until Jeremy joined the U.S. Navy SEALs and left Joplin. Dex certainly knows how deadly tornadoes can be, but this one isn't heading toward Joplin, and wouldn't it be great to have a brave and exciting story of his own to tell Jeremy when he comes home? But when the tornado shifts direction, Dexter's bravery is about to get seriously tested...

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## Customer Reviews

This was well written, and well researched. We live in Galena, mentioned in the book, and spent countless hours doing clean-up and mission work after the storm. The only things I noted was that the author referred to Joplin as being in Southeast Missouri, when actually it is Southwest; and secondly, she referenced CVS Pharmacy, though it did not come to Joplin until sometime after the tornado. It is a good read, especially for the kids. The subject was a sensitive one, especially after

seeing the trauma first hand, and she did a great job being realistic, but keeping it on a level appropriate for kids.

I SURVIVED THE JOPLIN TORNADO, 2011 by Lauren Tarshis Boys especially will like this latest in the I SURVIVED series for early chapter book readers. Dexter, 11, has been invited to go along with a group of tornado chasers when they are caught by the deadliest tornado in 50 years. The exciting story presents a wealth of information about tornados, tornado chasers, preparedness and safety. The reading level is about a 3-4th grade level. The story is exciting enough for 6th graders. Girls will like it as much as boys. It is scary enough to be thrilling, but also has a happy ending. Parents and teachers will like the information in the end notes. 4 of 5 stars

If you have not yet read any of Lauren Tarshis' many (catastrophe) books you couldn't go wrong starting with this one. Each of the books are short, but well-written, historically accurate and very interesting. Tarshis clearly researches her material very thoroughly and takes each of these deadly incidents directly to her readers through an intense/descriptive narrative, almost re-creating and bringing each one back to life. This is an interesting genre, and though it may not appeal to all readers, it is likely one that will appeal to many others.

Lauren Tarshis has done it again! She manages time after time to write books about true events that that are educational without that being obvious to the young reader! They are engaging and relevant to the thought process of the average 9-10 year old and that makes them an excellent choice for young readers. Ours was a reluctant reader until he discovered this series and now we cannot slow him down!

I was in the Joplin tornado and was on the property of the destroyed hospital that is mentioned in the book. This is a fantastic book and I am so happy that the author included tips for tornado safety at the end. I wouldn't have changed a thing about it if I would have written it myself. Wonderful!

Great read for 3rd grade readers. Can be read alone or aloud. This story deals with the Joplin Tornadoes in a very neutral and child friendly way, yet without sugar coating anything. I read it to my 3rd grade son. He is a sensitive kid and doesn't like Goosebumps stories, so I was a little worried that this might scare him and we'd be having bedtime problems. It did not. He was not scared and asked a lot of questions. Appropriate content for 2nd graders, too if their reading level is there. We

have had a lot of luck with the "I Survived" chapter books during the 3rd grade year. It's a solid go-to series to knock out those book reports.

History lessons that are entertaining and relatable to kids. My son is an advanced reader for the third grade. Even though this is "easy" for him to read, he loves this series. He finds them exciting and interesting. He finishes his homework quickly so he can get back to reading these books. Love them!

A student wanted to read it so I got it for the school. It was well written and a good book for kids in this era who grow up hearing about tornadoes. It provides an interesting story plus some facts about tornadoes, storm chasers, and what to do in case of one. Age groups K through 6 grades.

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