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I Survived The Great Chicago Fire, 1871 (I Survived #11)



Synopsis

Could an entire city really burn to the ground? Oscar Starling never wanted to come to Chicago. But then Oscar finds himself not just in the heart of the big city, but in the middle of a terrible fire! No one knows exactly how it began, but one thing is clear: Chicago is like a giant powder keg about to explode. An army of firemen is trying to help, but this fire is a ferocious beast that wants to devour everything in its path, including Oscar! Will Oscar survive one of the most famous and devastating fires in history? Lauren Tarshis brings history's most exciting and terrifying events to life in this New York Times bestselling series. Readers will be transported by stories of amazing kids and how they survived!

Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

Customer Reviews

We had the privilege of this author visiting our school. My 10yr old son LOVED this book (which took him two nights to read) and he couldn't wait to tell me all about it. We are planning on ordering ALL her 'I Survived' series for him.

My 11 year old son loves all the I Survived books & this one did not disappoint! He devoured this in

2 days & we already have the next book on pre-order. Thank you Lauren Tarshis for creating such a wonderful book series that has gotten my son to fall in love with history! His only request is that you write faster Lol

I loved this book as a read aloud for my 3rd and 4th graders. I plan on adding this to novels we read in 3rd grade. As a series, I have found the "I Survived ..." books to be greatly motivating to reluctant readers, particularly boys.

As usual, Lauren Tarshis presents historical fiction in an exciting, detailed, and dramatic way, yet very age appropriate to the targeted audience. The whole series is great, and this 11th in a series of 12 so far is no exception. These books make perfect additions to any home, class, or club library.

Both my kids anxiously await the release of every new book in the series. My son and daughter started reading these when they were 7 and continue to today. My son is now 11 and daughter is 8. Extremely quick read for my son, but he still really enjoys them, as there is always a young boy as the main character.

The book was pretty good, but relatively short. I would read the next one, though. If you like historical fiction books, though you should read this.

Oscar is a young boy who has lost his father in a blizzard and now has moved with his mother to Chicago. Arriving on the day of the great fire. Oscar becomes separated from his mother and her future husband, will they ever be reunited? While being separated from his mother, he meets up with Jennie and her brother, Bruno. But once again due the chaos from the fire he becomes separated from his new friends. Will Oscar ever find his mother, his friends? This book would be great for teachers to read to their students when discussing history, it is a great read aloud that will entice students to want to learn more about the city of Chicago.

Lauren Tarshis did it again. I use Storyworks daily with my fourth grade students who get excited every time we read a selection that she wrote. We just finished reading the article about the great Peshtigo Fire when this book came in our recent order. We read it aloud to two groups of students in 3 settings. This fast read puts you in the streets of Chicago during this horrific event and you want to keep reading. Thanks Lauren for making historical events fun to read about.

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