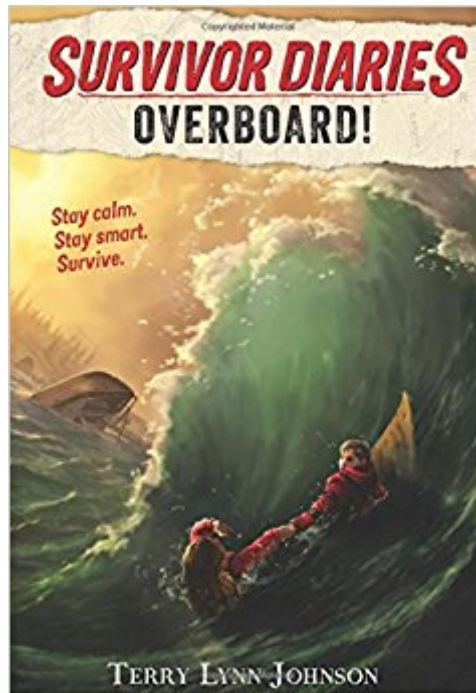




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Overboard! (Survivor Diaries)



Synopsis

A high-stakes adventure series perfect for fans of the I Survived series and Hatchet. Eleven-year-old Travis and his family are on a whale watch off the coast of Washington when disaster strikes. The boat capsizes, throwing everyone into the ice-cold chaotic waves. Separated from their families and struggling to stay afloat, Travis and twelve-year-old Marina must use all of their grit and knowledge to survive. With seventeen years of hands-on experience and training in remote areas, survival expert Terry Lynn Johnson (Ice Dogs; Sled Dog School) creates on-the-edge-of-your-seat storytelling featuring the real skills that kids need to survive a disaster. This book includes Coast Guard-approved cold-water survival tips; you may have a better chance of surviving a real-life cold-water disaster after reading this book. Stay calm. Stay smart. Survive.

Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

Customer Reviews

"This short, promising series opener contains plenty to inspire young readers while they await Vol. 2: Avalanche!" —Kirkus Reviews

Terry Lynn Johnson, author of ICE DOGS and the *À Â SURVIVOR DIARIES* series, lives in Whitefish Falls, Ontario where for ten years she owned a team of eighteen Alaskan Huskies. Visit Terry at terrylynnjohnson.com and on Twitter at @TerryLynnJ.

I bought this as a gift for my 8 year old niece - who really liked it. She started reading minutes after it arrived in the mail and continued every chance she got. Her major complaint is that "it wasn't long enough". It's basically a story of kids getting into a dangerous situation at sea and how they saved themselves. Her gramps was impressed that the survival techniques were actually Coast Guard approved. This looks like a good start to the proposed survival series. At least one little girl thinks so. She actually did a book report on it - DURING SUMMER VACATION! This is attached.

This is an amazing start of a new series for kids, 7 and up, who love action, adventure, high-stakes, and page-turning thrills. Each book finds a kid in a true-to-life harrowing adventure where survival skills are necessary to stay alive. This book starts off with a water disaster and as the characters fight for their lives, readers also learn really cool tips and techniques. Author Terry Johnson already has a huge following with her beloved middle grade, ICE DOGS, and this book will not disappoint. Highly recommended!

"Overboard!" is an excellent book for any child who is capable of reading at the 7-10 year level. I would highly recommend it for older children and parents as well. The appeal of this book, for children, will lie in its dramatic story of children and survival, and in its captivating drawings. But there is much more to the book than the story line. Here children will learn how disaster can come suddenly and without warning, and how to survive, in this case, on the open sea, and stranded on an island. They will learn about the affinity we can have with animals, that we can conquer our fears, and that as human beings, we must look out for each other. Also, very subtly, that we cannot assume that sensational news stories are always completely factual. The story itself made my heart race, and I think children who read it will find it to do the same, in a healthy way. There is no violence here, no undue raising of fear, just a wholesome tale of survival. There are one or two parts of the story that would be unlikely to happen in such a timely manner, but that's not the point. Though it is in ways a handbook for survival, it is also simply an exciting adventure story. The cold-water survival techniques in the book are well researched, and are approved by the U.S. Coast Guard. The author herself has many credentials to her name, including seventeen years experience as a conservation officer working in harsh environments. She has trained with the Canadian Coast Guard. Most

importantly, she has written a useful and well-thought-out book that children will enjoy reading. Kudos to the illustrator, Jani Orban, as well. Her drawings are like the frosting on the cake of the narration. This book is the first in a series that will include other Survivor Diaries in coming years.

Sure this is an "homage" to the Survivor series of books published by another company and, as such, COULD be viewed with some distrust, only... Okay, I have an 11 year old grandson who is quite bright and well into all kinds of projects, plans, etc.; constantly building this or disassembling that. But he, quite simply, does not like to read much, at least in the area of what many consider kid's reading (S-F, adventure, books about people called Potter or by people called Snickett, etc.) The one series he HAS found enthralling, and of which he misses not a one, is the aforementioned Survivor, which, beyond their stories, teaches him HOW TO DO THINGS, even when those things are unlikely to occur in his own life. So I was hopeful that this new series might do the same. And, boy howdy, does it ever! He found this first book in the Survivor Diaries even better written (well, I say it's "better written" he just didn't put it down and kept telling me what was happening at any given moment). Even though we live in Florida, I'm guessing the odds of his having to survive in the middle of ANY ocean, let alone an icy one, are slim, but many of the life/survival lessons ARE valid anywhere. Moreover, he is READING it... and that's a REAL survival mechanism.

I was a little worried about getting this for the resident nine-year-old. She's a very sensitive kid and books that are too scary - especially when characters are in peril - tend to worry her. I shouldn't have worried. She started reading this before dinner, stopped once to confirm with me that it was fiction, and then tore into it - she didn't stop reading until she had finished the book (and finished dinner along with it)! She loved it. I took the opportunity to read it when she was done, and what an adventure this was! It's very exciting! We worried for our characters and were amazed at how they survived their ordeal. My daughter has already asked me to pre-order the next book. There's a sample chapter of it in this book and she can't wait to find out about those wolverines! A truly exciting series for young readers! P.S. I asked her how many stars she would give this one. Her answer? Infinity!

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