



# Disaster

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## Books to Help Children and Teens Deal With Natural Disaster

### Preschool

#### ***Ben's Dream***

C. Van Allsburg  
Houghton Mifflin, 1982  
ISBN: 0-395-32084-4

While studying for a geography test, Ben falls asleep listening to the rain. He dreams of traveling among world landmarks, all submerged in a flood that is carrying him along.

#### ***Drip Drop***

D. Carrick  
Picture Book Studio 1989  
ISBN: 0-887-08121-5

This book follows a watery theme from rain-drops falling through a hole in the roof to details about boats.

#### ***Mushroom in the Rain***

M. Ginsburg  
Macmillan, 1974  
ISBN: 0-27-36240-X

How can an ant, butterfly, mouse, sparrow, and rabbit all take shelter from the rain under the same mushroom when originally there was room only for the ant?

#### ***Noah's Ark***

P. Spier  
Doubleday, 1977  
ISBN: 0-385-09473-6

This pen and watercolor portrayal of the biblical story of Noah's Ark and the Great Flood is told with humor and insight.

#### ***Peter Spier's Rain***

P. Spier  
Doubleday, 1982  
ISBN: 0-385-24105-4

A brother and sister play outside exploring the many aspects of a rainy day. The wet weather activities outside are followed by a warm bath and cozy indoor activities.

#### ***Silver Pony***

L. Ward  
Houghton Mifflin, 1973  
ISBN: 0-395-14753-0

A winged horse helps a midwestern boy explore the world beyond his farm. He rescues flood victims and a lost lamb. Portrays fantasy and farm reality.

#### ***Sun's Up***

T. Euvremere  
Crown, 1987  
ISBN: 0-517-56432-7

The sun rises from his bed in the morning, spends the day moving across the sky while engaged in different activities, and goes to sleep as night falls.

#### ***The Flood That Came To Grandma's House***

L. Stallone  
Upshur, 1992  
ISBN: 0-912-97502-4

Rain from Hurricane Agnes forces citizens to sandbag the river, but finally, they must evacuate. Humorous but realistic illustrations show children what happens when a house fills with

water and the mess left in its wake. It also reassures them about handling natural disasters.

### ***The Weather***

J. Blanco

Child's Play Press, 1975

ISBN: 0-859-53037-X

Rain in the late spring, a nighttime storm at sea, and children playing in the snow in an alpine setting form three colorful short stories in this book.

### ***Up to Ten and Down Again***

L. Ernst

Lothrop Lee and Shepard, 1986

ISBN: 0-688-04541-3

Children swim with ducks and a rainstorm appears. Illustrations resemble snapshots in an album. The numbers from one to ten are introduced as a picnic is begun, enjoyed, and then rained out.

### ***Water***

C.S. Vendrell and J.M. Parramon

Woodbury, 1985

ISBN: 0-812-03599-2

This simple picture book shows how water is included in many events in our lives, including for drinking, for cooking, for washing, in fountains, for putting out fires, to sail on, and to make rainbows.

## **Kindergarten Through Grade 3**

### ***A Fish Name Yum Mr. Pin, Volume IV***

M. Monsell

Atheneum, 1994

ISBN: 0-689-31882-0

Mr. Pin, the rockhopper penguin detective in Chicago, investigates two cases involving a flood and sinister fish-napping.

### ***A Rainy Day***

S. Markle

Orchard Books, 1993

ISBN: 0-531-05976-6

Examines simple scientific concepts by observing the effect of raindrops on puddles, the sky, animals, and the surrounding landscape on a rainy day.

### ***All-of-a-Sudden Susan***

E. Coatsworth

Macmillan, 1974

ISBN: 0-027-22610-7

When a family rushes to higher ground to avoid a flood, they discover that their daughter Susan and her magic doll are not with them. Susan and Emelida, the doll, display optimistic courage as heroines.

### ***City Storm***

M.J. Parker

Scholastic, 1990

ISBN: 0-590-42307-X

Illustrations and text capture dramatic moments of a sudden storm.

### ***Come a Tide***

G.E. Lyon

Orchard Books, 1990

ISBN: 0-531-05854-9

This book uses the diction and homey imagery of a down-to-earth rural community and its first-person text (of a Grandma) to portray responding to a flood with common sense and humor.

### ***Euphonia and the Flood***

M. Calhoun

Parent's Magazine Press, 1976

ISBN: 0-819-30836-6

Curious to see where the flood is going, an old woman packs her broom and pig into her boat and sets out to follow it.

***Hang on, Hester***

W. Devlin

Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, 1980

ISBN: 0-688-41935-6

Hester courageously hangs onto her house when it is swept down river during a flood.

***Rain***

D. Bennett

Bantam, 1982

ISBN: 0-553-05474-0

A cuddly bear tells the scientific principles of how 1) water changes to water vapor, 2) water vapor rises and forms clouds, 3) water droplets join together to form larger clouds, and 4) clouds that are too heavy release raindrops.

***Weather or Not Riddles For Rain and Shine***

W. Walton

Lerner Publications, 1990

ISBN: 0-822-52329-9

A collection of riddles about weather, including "What do clouds wear under their raincoats? Thunderwear."

**Grades 4-6*****A Blossom Promise***

B. Byars

Delacorte Press, 1987

ISBN: 0-385-29578-2

After a big flood in Alderson county, the Blossom family continues coping in their unique family style.

***About Disasters***

J. Berry

Children's Press, 1990

ISBN: 0-516-02959-2

This book's humorous pictures and text show 12 different disasters and how to prepare for and survive them.

***Flood***

B. Knapp

Raintree Steck-Vaughn, 1990

ISBN: 0-811-42374-3

Describe some great flood disasters, why floods occur, and how people have learned to live with floods.

***Floods***

D. Fradin

Children's Press, 1982

ISBN: 0-516-00856-0

Starting with the terrible 1976 floods in Colorado, this book on floods discusses causes and effects and precautions.

***Help! Yelled Maxwell***

J. Stevenson and E. Stevenson

Greenwillow Books, 1978

ISBN: 0-688-80133-1

When a flood threatens the town, Maxwell finds help in an unlikely place.

***Hobie Hanson, Greatest Hero of the Mall***

J. Gilson

Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Books, 1989

ISBN: 0-671-70646-2

After a terrible flood, Hobie's fifth grade class must meet in the shopping mall. Through funny and daring escapades, it is clear that Hobie is the hero of the mall.

***Storm in the Night***

M. Stolz

Harper & Row, 1988

ISBN: 0-060-25912-4

During a fearsome thunderstorm that has put the lights out, Thomas hears a story from his grandfather's boyhood, when Grandfather was afraid of thunderstorms.

***The Day it Rained Forever***

R.C. Lee

Little, Brown and Company, 1968

ISBN: 680112349

Flooding cuts off Spring Valley and threatens to destroy the town. A boy finds that the rains are caused by a machine built by a scientist, now seriously ill in the hospital, and that it will rain forever unless he and his friend can turn off the machine.

***The Washout***

C. Carrick

Seabury Press, 1978

ISBN: 0-816-43217-1

When a summer storm washes out the road, Christopher decides to row around the lake for help and almost gets into serious trouble.

***Trapped in the Slickrock Canyon***

G. Skurzynski & D. Soucie

Willowisp Press, 1984

ISBN: 06880 26885

Gina and Justin, 12-year-old cousins, come to understand each other better when they must try to survive a flood and other dangers in the western mountains.

**Middle School*****Angry Waters: Floods and Their Control***

R.V. Fodor

Dodd, Mead, 1980

ISBN: 0-396-07799-4

Discusses the causes of floods, how they are forecast, and how they can be prevented.

***Coping With Natural Disasters***

C. Arnold

Walker & Co., 1988

ISBN: 0-802-76716-8

Each chapter covers a natural disaster, including one on floods. Practical advice on coping with disaster is given, and supplies to keep on hand are listed.

***Disastrous Floods and Tidal Waves***

M. Berger

Watts, 1981

ISBN: 0-531-04326-6

Describes different kinds of floods, including those caused by tsunamis and hurricanes, flood watches and warnings, rivers that are flood-prone, preventive measures, and various floods of the past.

***Night of the Twisters***

I. Ruckman

Crowell, 1984

ISBN: 0-690-44089

Dan, his best friend, and brother take refuge in their basement during a tornado. This is the harrowing story of a day like any other that turned into a nightmare. The story abounds with courage, love, and hope.

***No Way Out***

I. Ruckman

Crowell, 1988

ISBN: 0-690-04671-5

Hiking along a river in Utah, a 19-year-old and her friends battle a flash flood.

***Our Violent Earth***

National Geographic Society, 1982

ISBN: 0-870-44383-6

Describes the causes and effects of such geologic and atmospheric phenomena as earthquakes, volcanoes, storms, droughts, fires, and floods.

**High School*****Connecticut Low***

B. Boehm

Houghton Mifflin, 1980

ISBN: 0-395-29518-4

This story deals with father-and-son relationships, friendships and floods. A teen who feels he has disappointed his family takes heroic action when the Connecticut River floods.

***Disaster***

D. Sobol

Pocket Books, 1979

ISBN: 0-671-29939-5

A fictional story about disasters.

***Escape By Deluge***

E. Wignell

Holiday House, 1989

ISBN: 0-823-40802-7

This is a fictional story of a teenager frightened by mysterious noises in the basement that she must explore to relieve her fear. Although fiction, the story is based on a flood that occurred in Melbourne, Australia in 1972.

***Eye of a Hurricane: Stories***

R. Robsom

Firebrand Books

1989

ISBN: 0-932-379648

***Great Disasters***

E. Wignell

Holiday House, 1989

ISBN: 0-823-40802-7

This paperback workbook teaches about disasters, including floods, hurricanes, fires, and earthquakes. The activities include multiple choice questions, crossword puzzles, and fill-in-the-blanks.

***Nature Gone Wild!***

W. Olesky

Messner, 1982

ISBN: 0-671-44007-1

Notable tornadoes, cyclones, floods, hurricanes, fires, and volcano disasters are described.

***The Day It Rained Forever: A Story of the Johnstown Flood***

Virginia T. Gross

Viking, New York, 1991

ISBN: 0-670-83552-8

A detailed description of the effects of the famous Johnstown Flood in Pennsylvania in 1889.

***The Day The Hurricane Happened***

J. Anderson

Scribner's Sons, 1974

ISBN: 0684134950

On the Caribbean Island of St. John, a family experiences the drama, danger, and destruction of a hurricane.

***The Terrible Wave***

M. Dahlstedt

Coward, McCann and Geoghegan, 1972

During the disastrous flood of 1889 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, a spoiled teenage girl learns to accept responsibility as she and her companions search for their families and friends.

***Tornado***

H. Milton

Watts, 1983

ISBN: 0-531-04542-0

This is a fictional account dealing with floods and tornadoes. A 14-year old boy named Paul, and his mother and sister wander in need of medical attention as a result of a snakebite. Paul shows heroism and resourcefulness.



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