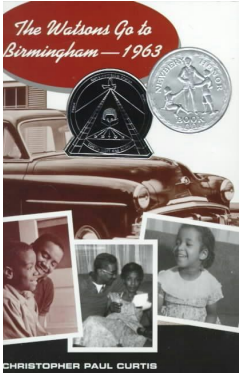


## *The Watsons Go to Birmingham*

by Christopher Paul Curtis

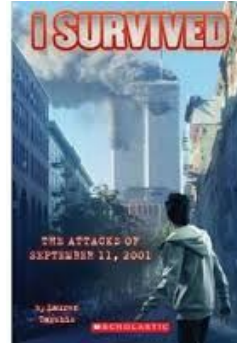


The book is about a black family during the 1960s. They have three kids named Byron, Joetta and Kenny. The main character is the middle child, Kenny. He is very funny and curious.

My favorite part in the story is when Byron gets all his hair cut off and he is bald. The part when Byron gets all his hair cut off made me giggle really hard! The book is historical fiction. People who like funny, loving stories will really like this book.

## *I Survived: the Attacks of September 11, 2001*

by Lauren Tarshis



Lucas' father and uncle work for the NYC Fire Department. One day, Lucas' father was in a big explosion at work. Lucas spent a lot of time with his Uncle

Benny while his father was in the hospital. He learned a lot about football from his uncle and joins a team. He loves football all his life. Then he is forced to quit. He goes to the fire station to talk to his Uncle Benny, and sees a passenger jet flying very low. He tries to find his father when the attack starts. Lucas' life changed forever after this event. Read this book to find out if he finds his father. People who like suspense and a great story will love this book.



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## Historical Fiction



## *I SURVIVED Series*

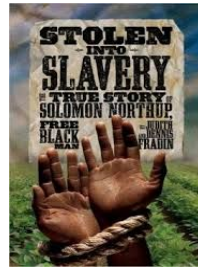
by Lauren Tarshis



This series is about different people surviving historical catastrophes. Many of these books are shown through a young character's perspectives. Some examples of the books are the *Nazi Invasion of 1944*, *The Bombing of Pearl Harbor 1941*, and *The Destruction of Pompeii A.D. 79*. These books are historical fiction with many historical details, but the characters are fictional. Anyone who likes history or survival at its finest, or a book with a great plot, will love this series. These are quick, short reads.

## *Stolen Into Slavery*

by Judith and Dennis Fradin



This biography is about a black man named Solomon Northup. What sets the story in motion is when Solomon gets stolen and transferred to many different slave owners. There are illustrations at the beginning of each

chapter that give you an idea of what the chapter is about. For instance, how his life was changing drastically was really interesting to me. Some parts seemed like I was looking through Solomon's eyes because I could relate to him. If you like history and a good story about somebody's life, you will like this book.

## *The Cage* by Ruth Minsky Sender

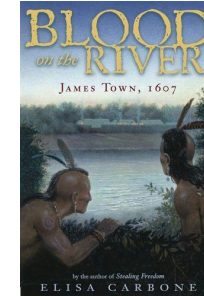


This book is about a girl struggling throughout the Holocaust. My favorite part was when Riva and Yulek, her boyfriend, were saying their goodbyes. Yulek was getting deported to a concentration camp while Riva stayed in the ghettos.

For me, the climax of this part was when they kissed. This kind of book is historical fiction. The ending made me cry. Also the part when they first got into the camps, it was very suspenseful. I think this book is for any person who likes to read about the Holocaust, romance, and family.

## *Blood on the River*

by Elisa Carbone



*Blood on the River* is a thrilling story of the challenging migration to New England (America). This story is told by one of the main characters, Samuel, and his point of view about the migration

and the people that he meets. This book is filled with many struggles and bloody wars between the English and the Native Americans. The way this story is told, you find yourself sitting on the edge of your seat and feeling like you are in the story. This book is a fascinating chapter book that will most likely be for people that love history with a great inside story.



