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When disaster strikes, the only thing you can count on is yourself!

A winter trip in the remote Michigan wilderness seemed like the perfect way for Jayden to get to know his new foster family. Though he doesn't have much in common with siblings Maggie and Connor, he's hoping they'll get to like each other over snow mobile races and steaming mugs of cocoa.

But when the snow really starts to come down, the family van crashes and the three kids must go out into the bleak, white storm to search for help. Soon the wind is howling and night is starting to fall. Jayden, Maggie, and Connor will have to think fast, find shelter, watch out for bears, and somehow stay warm if they don't want to end up frozen in their tracks....

## **Disaster Strikes #3: Blizzard Night Details**

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## From Reader Review Disaster Strikes #3: Blizzard Night for online ebook

### Karen Arendt says

This Disaster Strikes series is great for 2nd and 3rd grade. I like the diversity of the characters- Jayden is African-American and a foster child, the other three children are adopted into the family. The events in the story are exciting but not too scary for the age group. Jayden has great survival skills, attributed in the book to reading about other survival stories- a great plug for reading.

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### Keri Douglas says

This is a great chapter book that students will love. Jayden is a foster kid who finds a new family. On their trip to their cabin in the woods, a blizzard hits. Jayden helps his 2 new "siblings" navigate the wilderness to find help because he has read many books about wilderness survival. Relatable characters and suspenseful weather will hook students as they traverse the snow with amazing 10-year old.

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### Dean Deters says

Summery

This book is about these 3 kids that their car crashis in the mountainsand three kids had to go out into the woods and they have to go find help for their dad.

setting

this book takes place in the mountains the woods and a big lake and its important to the story becausetwo of the most important event hapend in the woods and on the lake.

character trait

Jack is the foster brother and he is going on a trip with his new family Jack loves to read and to amgin he is climing mount everest.

most important event

the most important event is when Jack fell into the lake and barly gott out.

recomendation I recomend this book to any body that likes action.

Ethan.K

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### Gabriel says

It was a pretty good book. I liked how the main characters were survivors in blizzards. I think the author could have added more details to the story and it would have been better.

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**Stacey says**

Lots of new vocabulary words for the boy!

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**Tracie says**

A young boy in a foster home feels somewhat out of place in the loving family he's staying with. He hardly dares to hope he might fit in. On their way to a remote cabin for a winter vacation, their van crashes and he and two of the siblings must go for help. As they try to make their way in blizzard conditions, his survival knowledge helps keep them alive and brings them all closer as they work together to stay alive and summon help.

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**Crystal says**

I got this book as a 6 books for \$6 set through Scholastic book orders. I was searching for a good story to read with a high group of second graders in my classroom. After pre-reading the book, I was very excited to share this with my group of four little guys. I'm just over halfway through the book with them now and they love it! As far as hooking seven and eight year olds, this does it! I'm also very happy with the content of the book. I'm finding it hard to find higher level books that still have appropriate content. While there are some intense moments (car crash, hypothermia, being chased by a bear, falling through ice...), there wasn't a time that I thought it was too much. After chapter two, the students in the group already wanted me to get the rest of the books. Their excitement hasn't diminished in the slightest since!

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**Sharon Buxton says**

C. fiction, children's fiction, grade 2, Ohio author, series, (Disaster Strikes #3), Warsaw Elementary group reading

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**Nikki Clark says**

The boys (H-8 and W-7) both really liked this book. It had cliffhangers that kept them wanting to read it after the end of each chapter.

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**Atul Krishna says**

The book is indeed a basic survival tip but it was not as exciting as expected. It is entertaining for kids. The length of the story was short but interesting.

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## **Nancy Chase says**

Nice quick kids read. Similar to I Survived Series. I would definitely read another in the series.

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## **Amy Jewell says**

An opening I would use for this book is to show the students the front cover-in big bold letters the title states DISASTER STRIKES. It shows the characters in the book running from a charging bear. I would ask my students, "How do you think the kids got caught in the blizzard?" and "Why do you think the bear started chasing the kids?" as well as, "Do you think they will get away from the bear?". The cover of the book tells a lot about the story-it is very action packed. In addition to the title of the book being Disaster Strikes, the subtitle is Blizzard Night. We read another story about a blizzard. How are the pictures on the covers of each book similar? How are they different?

Opening moves used: I used the opening move of raising questions in the readers' minds. By looking at the words and picture on the front cover, the students can hypothesize about what will be happening in the story. By asking questions about the picture of the kids running from the bear, I am drawing attention to the illustrator's craft and also foreshadowing problems in the story. By comparing the pictures on both of the blizzard books, I am prompting the listeners to notice details and differences between the two books.

I chose this book to be my intermediate book for my text set. It has a similar name to another book in the text set (Blizzard by John Rocco), but based on comparison of the book covers, the stories will be totally different. In addition, Rocco's book is a picture book without as much danger and adventure.

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## **Lorie says**

Jayden and his foster family are on their way to their cabin by the lake for a winter get away when a deer leaps in front of their van, forcing it off the road and injuring his foster father. He and his new siblings must go for help before it gets dark, which should be just a two mile walk in the late afternoon. The bad situation takes a turn for the worse, when a predicted snowfall turns into blizzard conditions that force them to seek shelter for the night. Fortunately Jayden's love for adventure novels has given him some very reliable information that helps them survive the night.

This title from Scholastic's Disaster Strikes series offers an exciting adventure of what it might be like to survive a blizzard. The short chapters and fast paced action will appeal to children who enjoy adventure stories, but might not be ready for a longer book and more complex writing. The series description says that this book is written on a 4th grade level and will appeal to kids in 2nd-3rd grade and I would agree and say that reluctant readers in 4th and 5th grade might also like to read this story. I would recommend this book for purchase to any school or public library.

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**Shari Lackner Nagy says**

Read this book as a preview, as our school is reading it all together this upcoming week. Such a relatable concept, as the main character is with his foster family. I've never read a children's book like this, with all the twists and cliffhangers! I know the kids will LOVE this book! Can't wait to read it with them.

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**Lisa says**

I liked the fact that the adventure books that Jayden read helped him in the difficult situations the kids got into in this book.

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