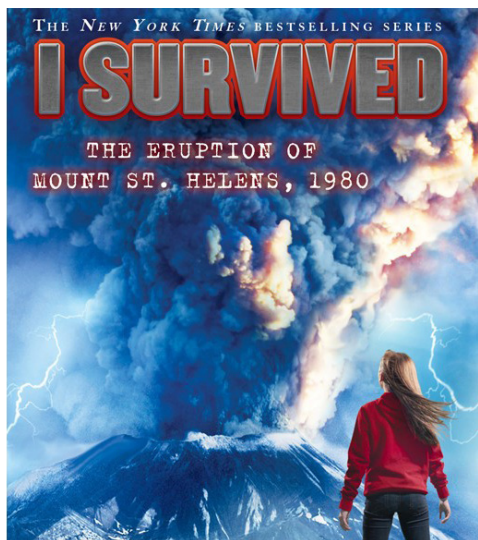


## Teachers and Authors Unite

by Elizabeth Grojean

Teachers and children's book authors share a common goal—getting kids to love reading! Watch this video to see how teachers and authors align in their common cause with books from Scholastic Reading Club's November flyers!



### The I Survived Series By Lauren Tarshis

Fifth grade teacher Jenelle Neal loves the I Survived series because “it holds your attention. It’s not a heavy book, but it also teaches and it’s seen through a kid’s eyes.”

That kid point of view is very important and intentional! Series author Lauren Tarshis confirms that one of the most challenging parts of writing the books is “creating that fictional character and the whole world of that character.”

Jenelle’s students are drawn to the I Survived books based on the dramatic topics of disasters or historic events, and Lauren agrees. “Even kids who don’t think of themselves as readers are really, really curious about the past,” Lauren says. “They want to learn; they have so many questions.”

Jenelle hopes that reading the I Survived series will encourage discussions in class and inspire her students to seek out other books to read!



#### About Jenelle Neal

Jenelle teaches fifth grade at General Wayne Elementary School in Pennsylvania. Jenelle’s unconditional dedication to her students makes her classroom a safe place for them to take risks and succeed.



**I Survived the Eruption of Mount St. Helens, 1980**  
by Lauren Tarshis  
Grades 3–5 | Ages 8–11

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