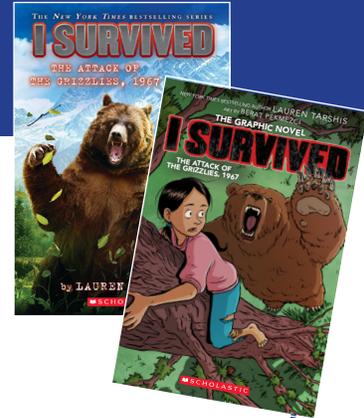


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I Survived The Attack of the Grizzlies, 1967



READ-ALLOUD

Assign roles to your family and friends for this read-aloud from *I Survived the Attack of the Grizzlies, 1967*. Mel, Aunt Cassie, and wildlife scientist Steve have just arrived at the Granite Park Chalet. They're ready to start their investigation into the strange rumors about what's happening at the hotel...

CHARACTERS:

Narrator
Mel

Aunt Cassie
Steve
Greg

Tall Man
Mustache Man
Skinny Man

Narrator: After their long hike, Mel, Aunt Cassie, and Steve stagger into the lobby. They're greeted by the manager of the chalet.

Greg: Welcome! You three look like you could use a cool drink.

Aunt Cassie: That would be perfect, thank you.

Narrator: As Aunt Cassie and Steve drink grape Kool-Aid and get checked in, Mel looks for a chair. Her feet hurt—she's got blisters from her too-small hiking boots. She sits down near three men who have also just come into the lobby.

Tall Man: Whew! That hike was killer!

Skinny Man: I think my feet are going to fall off.

Mustache Man: Believe me, you won't be sorry you came here. Not after tonight.

Tall Man: I don't get it. How do they get the grizzlies to come every night?

Narrator: Mel freezes, listening closely. She

keeps her eyes on the floor, hoping they don't notice her.

Mustache Man: They dump all the leftover food into a big ditch out back. Then every night, the grizzlies come. You can stand on the porch and watch them!

Skinny Man: Sounds like a good show.

Mustache Man: Oh, just wait—you won't believe it. If we're lucky, we'll get to see them fighting each other for scraps!

Narrator: As the men laugh at the thought of bears fighting over garbage, Mel gets angrier and angrier. She tries to work up the courage to tell the men what she thinks of them. But she can't make herself do it.

Aunt Cassie: Mel Honey, we're all checked in. Let's go get those hiking boots off your poor aching feet.

Narrator: Mel walks over to Aunt Cassie and Steve as calmly as she can. She checks to make sure Greg is busy with other guests before she tells them what she overheard.

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Mel: You were right, Steve. Something terrible *is* happening here. They're *feeding* the grizzlies garbage to entertain the guests.

Narrator: Steve shakes his head. He takes a deep breath.

Steve: Those were the rumors I'd heard. I was hoping they were just a crazy story.

Aunt Cassie: We have to do something to stop this.

Narrator: Suddenly Mel remembers what Aunt Cassie does for a living. She's a writer, with millions of readers.

Mel: Aunt Cassie, you could write an article about the grizzlies!

Steve: She's right, Cassie. If more people knew what was happening in Glacier, things could change.

Narrator: Aunt Cassie thinks about it for a second. Then she nods her head.

Aunt Cassie: I'll do it. But I'll need your help. Let's start with Greg. Follow my lead, okay?

Narrator: Mel and Steve nod. Then Aunt Cassie waves to Greg to get his attention. He finishes with the other guests and comes back to them, smiling.

Greg: Can I help you folks with something else?

Aunt Cassie: We were curious about the grizzlies. When do they show up here?

Greg: They come out every single night when it gets dark. Don't worry—we'll make an announcement so you don't miss it.

Steve: We've been hearing all about it. I'm

surprised the rangers haven't put a stop to it...and uh, you know, ruined everything.

Narrator: Mel tries to look as innocent as she can, feeling like a spy.

Mel: Because isn't feeding wild animals supposed to be against the rules at Glacier?

Greg: The rangers know all about it. They also know we have no choice.

Steve: No choice about what?

Greg: We have to dump our garbage out there. We have nowhere else to put it.

Steve: Wait. Are you saying the park service knows about this?

Narrator: Mel gives Steve a "cool it" nudge. She's worried that Greg will get suspicious of Steve, who looks like he's going to explode with anger.



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READ-ALoud (CONTINUED)

Greg: Sure, they know. This has been going on up here at the chalet for years. The tourists love it. We're just keeping up the tradition.

Narrator: A group of new guests arrive to check in.

Greg: Will you excuse me?

Narrator: Steve starts to say something else. Aunt Cassie cuts him off.

Aunt Cassie: Of course. Thanks for the information.

Narrator: Mel and Cassie quickly grab Steve and lead him outside. They barely get him

out the door before he launches into a rant.

Steve: Did you hear that guy? Doesn't he know how dangerous this is? For the bears *and* the people?!

Aunt Cassie: It's awful.

Mel: I don't understand how that manager doesn't realize how wrong this is.

Aunt Cassie: Get out all your anger now because we have to stay calm. There's more work to do. First, it's time for us to go find that dump. ■