***Survivor Diaries: Overboard!***

by Terry Lynn Johnson

**Annotation**

Eleven-year-old Travis and his family are on a whale-watching tour off the coast of Washington when disaster strikes. When the boat capsizes from a whale attack, Travis and twelve-year-old Marina are separated from their families and must survive the freezing waters. Do they have what it takes to survive?

**Book Talk**

Mayday! Mayday! Do Travis and Marina have what it takes to survive a fall overboard from a whale watching boat? They must stay calm and work together to survive. Do they have what it takes for both of them to make it out alive?

**Book Trailers**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Duikbi8uiIE>

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**Items to use in a library display**

* Small boat for students to sit and read in.
* a sail for bulletin board background
* nautical flags
* plastic/toy whales, seals, eagles
* toy boats
* life vest
* wetsuit/immersion suit
* compass
* driftwood
* create a small island with sand

**Book Club Discussion Questions/Topics**

* <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-e2daE0hoOBeUtRcGRudElpRzg/view>

**First Line of the Book:**

“‘Tell me how you survived the whale attack,’ the reporter said.”

**Non-Fiction Companion Title(s)**

* The Next Waveby Elizabeth Rusch
* Whaling Season: A Year in the Life of an Arctic Whale Scientistby Peter Lourie
* Whalesby Laura Stefano
* The Finest Hours (Young Readers Edition): The True Story of a Heroic Sea Rescue (True Storm Rescues)by Michael J. Tougias and Casey Sherman

**What to Read Next**

* *I Survived* series by Lauren Tarshis
* Hatchetby Gary Paulsen

**Other Books by this Author:**

* Survivor Diaries: Avalanche!
* Survivor Diaries: Lost! (July 2018)
* Survivor Diaries: Dust Storm (January 2019)
* Sled Dog School
* Falcon Wild
* Ice Dogs
* Dog Sled Dreams

**Additional Resources**

* Music: CDs or podcasts of nature sounds (wind, water, rain, whale songs)
* Wildlife cam: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/wildwatch/> (Puget Sound)
* Book Study: book club <http://terrylynnjohnson.com/>
* Lesson ideas: life guard safety lessons; CPR lessons
* Field Trip: Coast Guard Station
* Science Ideas: <http://terrylynnjohnson.com/research.php>
* Game: Overboard! <http://hmhbooks.com/middlegrademania/survivordiaries/>
* Curriculum guide: <http://hmhbooks.com/middlegrademania/survivordiaries/> ;

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-e2daE0hoOBeUtRcGRudElpRzg/view>

**Name that Book**

“I took a sip from my lemonade. “It all started with the whales.” (p. 3)

‘You can tell they’re harbor porpoises because their dorsal fins are shaped like chocolate chips.’ (p. 9)

“Darkness. Black and cold. I didn’t know which way was up. How deep did I plunge? Weird hollow noises. Must get air!” (p. 15)

“The sounds of humpbacks breathing kept me company.” (p. 55)

“We can die from dehydration easier than drowning.” (p. 65)

“I don’t know. I’ve never climbed into an eagle’s nest before.” (p. 68)

“They’re coming!” I yelled as I raced back to our camp. I could see the fire burning bright against the dimming light. But no one came.” (p. 78)