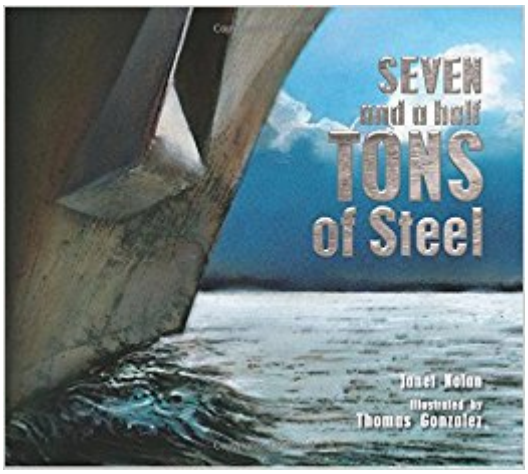
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Synopsis

There is a ship, a navy ship. It is called the USS New York. It is big like other navy ships, and it sails like other navy ships, but there is something special about the USS New York. Following the events of September 11, 2001, the governor of New York gave the Navy a steel beam that was once inside one of the World Trade Towers. The beam was driven from New York to a foundry in Louisiana. Metal workers heated the beam to a high, high temperature. Chippers and grinders, painters and polishers worked on the beam for months. And then, seven and a half tons of steel, which had once been a beam in the World Trade Center, became a navy ship's bow. This powerful story reveals how something remarkable can emerge from a devastating event.

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Gr 3Ã¢â ¬â œ5Ã¢â ¬â •Nolan and Gonzalez have created a powerfully subtle work concerning the September 11, 2001, attacks and the U.S. Navy ship that contains refashioned tower wreckage in its structure. The book begins with 9/11 and the damage thereafter. One of the metal beams from Ground Zero was removed to a foundry in Louisiana, where it was reworked and shaped into the bow of the USS New York. The book also features another tragedy of the 2000s, as the USS New York's construction was affected by Hurricane Katrina. The text quietly guides readers through the

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Great book for youngsters! Janet lays out this moving history in nicely detailed and very easy to follow and understand. The Art Work is absolutely beautiful and brings this great book to life. Tom’s art work is amazing is done the old fashion way without computers. Each page is a painting/illustration done by hand, He has illustrated other books sold here on , look for more of his illustrated books.

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This book is so well written and is an amazing way to explain such a significant part of American history! The Author does a wonderful job of wanting us to learn more.

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Summary: The USS New York is a Navy ship weighting 25,000 tons. Seven and a half of those tons are made of steel from a most unusual sourceÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â •the World Trade Center. After the September 11 destruction of the Twin Towers, work crews removed a steel beam and had it transported from New York to Louisiana. There it was melted down and molded into a shipÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s bow. The work of building the ship was interrupted by Hurricane Katrina, but eventually, the ship was completed and brought back to New York. There it was greeted with a twenty-one gun salute before sailing off to do its work at sea. An authorÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s note gives more facts about the USS New York and the meaning of the different colors and symbols of its crest. 36 pages; grades 2-5.Pros: History buff, especially military history, will enjoy learning about the construction of this special ship. The large, vivid paintings offer plenty of visual details to the story.Cons: There are only a few sentences about September 11 and Hurricane Katrina, so kids may need more information on both of these events to truly appreciate this book.

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