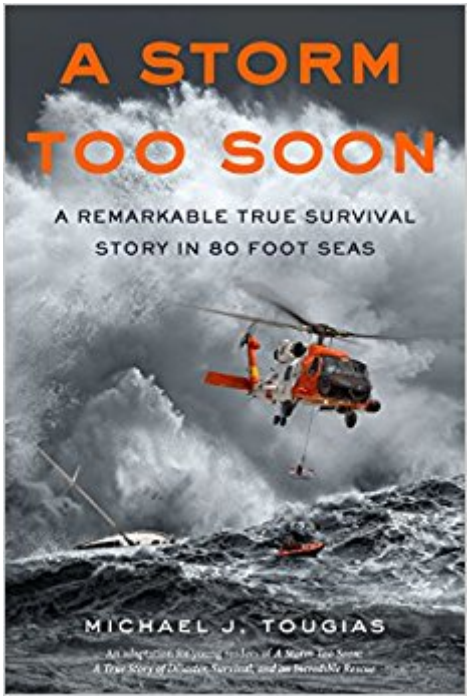
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A Storm Too Soon (Young Readers Edition): A Remarkable True Survival Story In 80 Foot Seas



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A spellbinding tale of maritime disaster, survival, and an absolutely daring rescue from Michael J. Tougias, the author of The Finest Hours, which is now a major motion picture. When a forty-seven-foot sailboat disappears in the Gulf Stream during a disastrous storm, it leaves behind three weary sailors struggling to stay alive on a life raft in the throes of violent waves eighty feet tall. This middle-grade adaptation of an adult nonfiction book tells the story of the four intrepid Coast Guardsmen who braved the sea and this ruthless storm, hoping to rescue the stranded sailors.A Storm Too Soon tells a riveting true story that will delight young readers. "The dramatic narrative is engaging and wonÃ¢â ¬â„¢t disappoint students who enjoy adventure or rescue stories" Ã¢â ¬â ¢School Library Journal

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Another fantastic, exciting true adventure told by Michael Tougias. He is an amazing author. I have read almost all his books. Once you start reading----it's hard to put it down. When reading this story, you feel like your're right there at the scene. He does an incredible amount of research into the back ground off all the characters involved. If you like non fiction and stories about boats and the sea read this book. Captain Tony Smith

Great read...,RBC

Great story and extremely well written. I felt like I was there.

Michael J. TougiasÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ book about an incredible at-sea rescue left me speechless. While this version I read is stripped down to a matter-of-fact account, I was nonetheless on tenterhooks wondering what would happen next. Everyone who loves adventure, SAR, the sea, friendships, and life-or-death situations will like this book. I was most impressed by the account of the rescue swimmer. He is truly a giant among men. I was really glad Tougias waited until the last line of the book to let us know that there is actual footage of the rescue attempt from the helicopter. Reading the story before watching the video is IMPERATIVE, as it means about a thousand times

more knowing what the men captured on film went through before the footage begins and throughout the video.Every home and library could benefit from having this book and others like it. It encourages us to follow our dreams, try difficult things, and never give up.I do have a couple of criticisms for the book. There is a photographic insert of 8 pages in the middle of the book that COMPLETELY spoils the ending. It is a rescue story! I am reading to find out what happened to J. P. and Ben and Raul and Drew and Nevada and Scott and the pictures tell me what happened to all of them when I am only halfway through! I also thought the writer should have referenced and emphasized the title a bit more to help the younger readers understand why the book was given that title. That being said, I loved the book and hope to read the full length version at some point.

Wow! God bless everyone involved in this incredible rescue story! The amount of bravery and selflessness the crew and rescuers demonstrated while facing death is the epitome of nobility. My children (ages 11 and 9) and I hunkered down at night as I read them this book over the course of a couple of weeks. We all enjoyed and looked forward to this time together to read this amazing adventure story. We were all on the edge of our seats and whenever it was time to stop reading to go to bed all I heard was "Aaaawwww!" It was so exciting that we didn't want to put the book down. I pray that everyone involved in this story is able to be at peace with the past and live in the present. Anyone having trouble doing this may want to read "The Power of Now" by Eckhart Tolle.

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