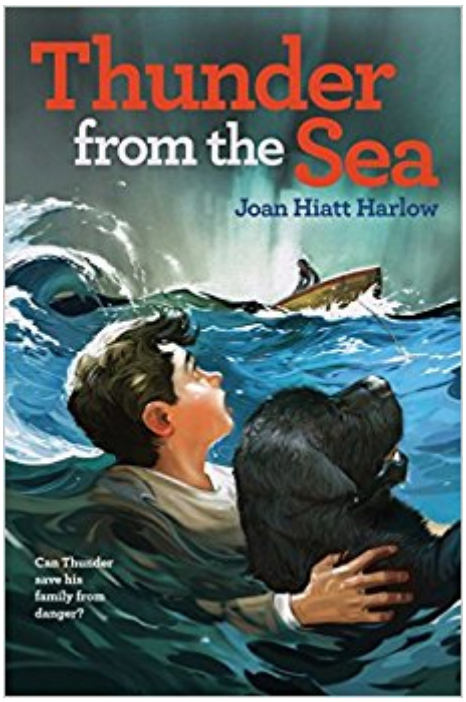
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Synopsis

A boy builds a life-changing bond with his dog in this adventure story from the author of Star in the Storm.ItÃ¢â ¬â„¢s 1929, and thirteen-year-old Tom Campbell has always wanted a real family with a real house and a dog of his very own. Since he was three years old, the only home he has ever known has been the Mission orphanage. When he is sent to live and work with fisherman Enoch and his wife, Tom finally sees his dream within reach. And when he rescues a Newfoundland dog in the middle of a terrifying squall, Tom feels as if both he and the dog, which he names Thunder, have found a place to call home at last. But when EnochÃ¢â ¬â„¢s wife becomes pregnant and it looks like ThunderÃ¢â ¬â„¢s owner might be found, TomÃ¢â ¬â„¢s wonderful new world is turned upside down. Will the Murrays still want Tom? And will Tom be forced to give up his beloved Thunder?

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Grade 4-7Ã¢â ¬â œIn this novel set in Newfoundland in 1929, 13-year-old Tom Campbell, an orphan, travels to Back o' the Moon Island to live with and work for Enoch and Fiona Murray. On his first fishing trip, he rescues a young Newfoundland dog from the sea during a storm and names him Thunder. A local boy, Bert Bosworth, and his father, Amos, also want the animal, and they go to great lengths to find his original owner out of spite. Thunder is a kind, intelligent creature who

several times saves the islanders from danger. After a harrowing episode in which Amos shoots and slightly injures the Newfoundland while he tries to pull villagers away from a pending tidal wave, the Bosworths realize that the dog truly belongs with Tom. When Fiona needs help with a difficult birth, Tom and Thunder prove their courage by taking her across the ice by sled during a blizzard. The book concludes with Enoch and Fiona officially adopting Tom and with Thunder's original owner giving the dog to the boy and his new family. The episodic chapters are fast paced and the narrative creates a real sense of time and place. Tom's growing affection for the Murrays and his feelings about his pet are clearly delineated. Fans of Harlow's Star in the Storm (McElderry, 2000), dog lovers, and readers yearning for a cozy tale will enjoy curling up with this story.Ã¢â ¬â œShawn Brommer, South Central Library System, Madison, WI Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Gr. 4-7. Life in 1929 Newfoundland is demanding, but 13-year-old Tom feels fortunate to be adopted by fisherman Enoch and his wife, Fiona. When they rescue a Newfoundland dog from the sea, Tom's dream of owning a canine seems fulfilled. Thunder accompanies Tom everywhere, but dangers threaten at every turn. Neighbor Bert bullies Tom, and Bert's father shoots Thunder as the dog tries to warn the town about a tsunami. Tom lives in fear that Thunder's owner will come to claim him, Fiona becomes pregnant, and the harsh environment includes an earthquake and tidal wave that destroy much of the village. Like Anne of Green Gables, this story features a remote Canadian setting, an orphan, and plenty of "fresh air, sunshine and balsam." The focus, however, is on action rather than character and relationships. Tom and Thunder squirm through enough danger to fill an entire TV season of Lassie. This strains credibility, but provides nonstop adventure for dog lovers. Linda PerkinsCopyright Ã Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved

This book can teach you a lot about finding a place in this world, and finding the bright side to the worst situations. I actually learned a little bit of science in this book along with geography. This book is kinda the last thing I have from someone who was my family when I didn't have one.

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If you love dog tales, this is for you.

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