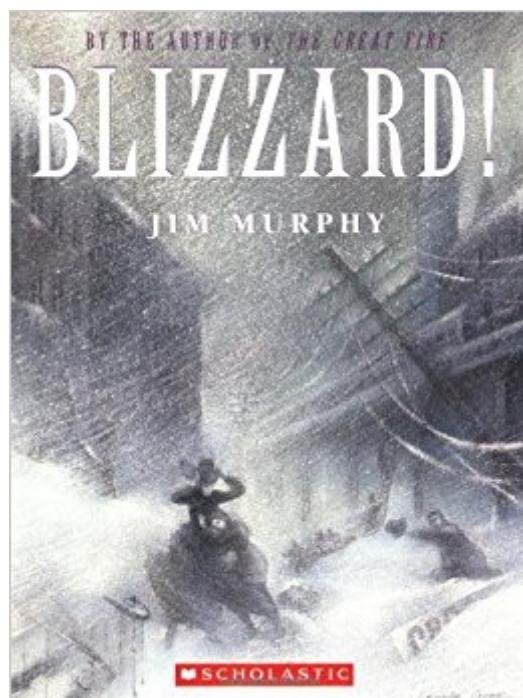


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# Blizzard!: The Storm That Changed America



## **Synopsis**

With his powerful and intriguing narrative style, Newbery Honor Book author Jim Murphy tells the harrowing story of the Blizzard of 1888. Available for the first time in paperback. Snow began falling over New York City on March 12, 1888. All around town, people struggled along slippery streets and sidewalks -- some seeking the warmth of their homes, some to get to work or to care for the less fortunate, and some to experience what they assumed would be the last little snowfall of one of the warmest winters on record. What no one realized was that in a very few hours, the wind and snow would bury the city in nearly 21 inches of snow and bring it to a ferocious standstill.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Grade 5 Up-Blizzard!The Storm That Changed America by Jim Murphy (Scholastic, 2000) is an account of the blizzard of March 12, 1888 that hit the northeastern United States. It was one of the worst and most written about natural disasters in our history. The storm brought the coast of the United States, from Virginia to Canada, to a standstill, and this retelling based on personal accounts and news stories makes you feel like you are there. The blizzard is described primarily from the vantage point of individuals in New York City and the area around it. Some people left work and didn't know if or when they would ever reach home. Others were stranded with little food and water

and had no idea if help was on the way. The text is exciting, and Taylor Mali provides a mesmerizing reading of this fascinating story. His steady voice holds listeners spellbound and waiting for what will happen next. Listeners young and old will learn a great deal about U.S. history and science, and how this storm changed our nation. -Anita Lawson, Otsego High School, MICopyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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A Newbery Honor Book for The Great Fire  
A Robert F. Sibert Honor Book for Blizzard!  
"Spectacular!" -Kirkus Reviews, starred review of Truce  
"An example of stellar nonfiction."  
-Booklist, starred review of Blizzard!  
"A veritable cinematic account." -Kirkus Reviews, starred review of The Great Fire

This book makes me very grateful for our weather forecasters today. This blizzard sneaked in on the people and totally caught them by surprise. The author filled the book with pictures too, which demonstrate what happened that day. It is hard to complain about our weather when one reads books like this. This blizzard gave new meaning to a New York minute. That is just about how fast it came. This book is the paper issue, about 10 inches by 8. Easy to hold, easy to read.

It's a good book - don't get me wrong - I liked it - but it's not as "in depth" as some of the stuff I've read on this subject in the past - in fact, it's been a long time since I've noted anything on the subject. Just goes to show no matter how man's technology seem to be making life easier on planet Earth - Mother Nature can still throw us a curve ball. The thing that really bothered me though was how man treated horses in those days - good thing the SPCA didn't exist or some people would have their butts in jail.

Awesome stories kept my students engaged throughout. The fact that it is actual historical events led to lots of questions and interest.

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This was a good overview of the Blizzard of 1888, not only the conditions at the time but how it changed both attitudes and the future of the country. It was very well written and easy to read giving many personal accounts as well as showing the "official" accounts of the storm and the havoc it

created over two days that in some cases caused impact over weeks and months.

My nephew and I enjoyed this book. It came to life and you could really get an idea of how difficult this was on everyone back then. It also was a great history lesson for my Nephew.

This is written more for school age, but nonetheless an unforgettable account of a bizarre, unexpected spring snow storm that surprised every one & caught a whole city & region off guard.

This was written for school-age kids. As an adult, I still found it interesting, well written, and informative.

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