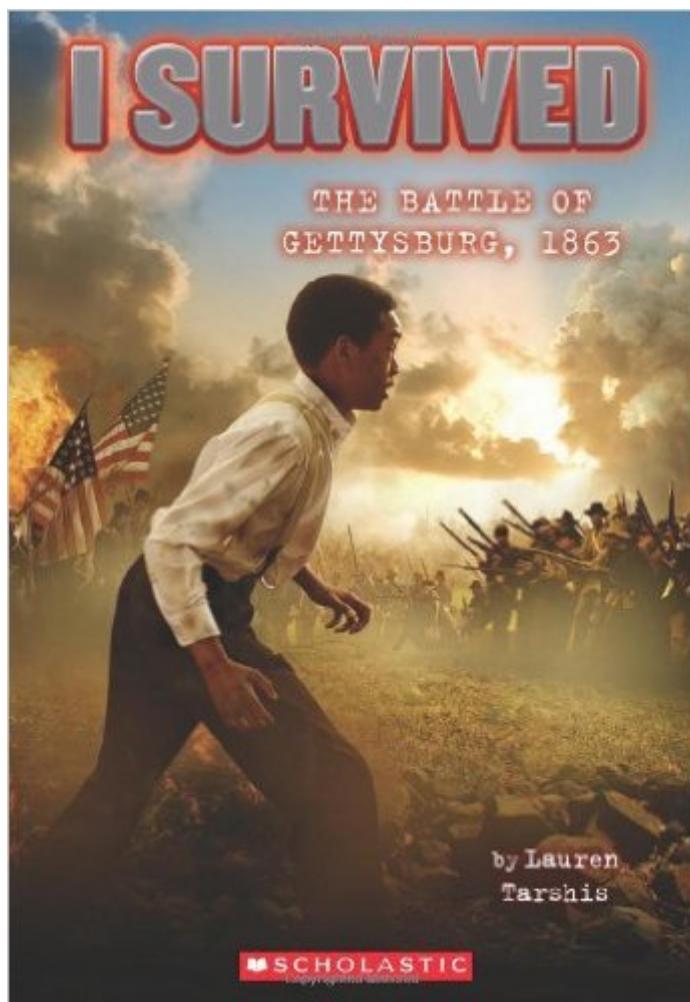


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# I Survived The Battle Of Gettysburg, 1863 (I Survived #7)



## **Synopsis**

The bloodiest battle in American history is under way . . . It's 1863, and Thomas and his little sister, Birdie, have fled the farm where they were born and raised as slaves. Following the North Star, looking for freedom, they soon cross paths with a Union soldier. Everything changes: Corporal Henry Green brings Thomas and Birdie back to his regiment, and suddenly it feels like they've found a new home. Best of all, they don't have to find their way north alone—they're marching with the army. But then orders come through: The men are called to battle in Pennsylvania. Thomas has made it so far . . . but does he have what it takes to survive Gettysburg?

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I'm 12 so to me this book is a Little young for me but I loved it. I liked how this book showed how terrible terrible civil war was. It was very easy for me to understand and it showed what a slave had to go through. Also it described the battle of Gettysburg the perfectly . I've read any books on Gettysburg I've been there and she really gives a Good prospective of what happened. Finally, she listed the facts at the end which helps other people learn about the civil war.

My daughter loves to read historical fiction. She enjoyed this book as well as the magical story about Miriam. A children's book:- My Name is Miriam (Bible, Series, History fiction for children ages 6-12) Which tells about the first slaves in human history which who gained their freedom. Y. L-G

This installment is not as thrilling or engaging as the others and is probably my least favorite in the series so far. Like all the others, the book starts right in the middle of the action. This time, though, I just didn't feel connected to main character yet. Thomas and his sister Birdie are running away from their lives as slaves to the north, yearning to be free. When they run right into a battle, Thomas thinks all hope is lost and they will be captured and sold. Instead, the Union soldiers take them in and shelter and protect them. On the way, though, the company will have to first go to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Will Thomas and Birdie survive the worst battle of the civil War? These books take familiar or oft-referred to pieces of US history and make them accessible and interesting to young readers. This is a great way to introduce 'new' readers to historical fiction. It is a great series for reluctant, male adolescent readers. It is not a dry, history textbook kind of read. These books put kids right in the middle of the action. It is a quick and easy read. This one is not too bloody or violent, even though it is about a battle in the war. You do not have to read these books in order. There is a different character and situation for every book. It is a series that is checked out constantly in my classroom. I can never keep any of the titles in stock. It is great for grades 3rd and up into 8th grade, especially for boys. Which would be my next question for the author: Why no girls as main characters?

Meh. I am a history geek and often will read books that are Gettysburg or Civil War related. I understand this book is written for kids, but I feel that this story needs more meat to it, and the story line jumps around a lot. So, if your kid loves history and wants an easy read, this is a good book to have. But if you're a history geek and want a book with a bit more of a story line to it, move on.

My son absolutely loves this series of "I survived" he always wants more books and tells us about them in great detail the excitement that these books bring out of him is awesome. Well written and we look forward to new ones as they come out.

Something as complicated as war can be very difficult to write about, especially for a young audience. Tarshis does a nice job of presenting a brief look at a key battle of the Civil War for child readers. I found it interesting that she chose to tell the story from the eyes of a young runaway slave

boy and his sister. The I Survived series is a great series for reluctant readers because the stories move quickly while still providing historical background and this book is no different. Once Thomas and his sister runaway and join up as camp followers with the Union army on its way to Gettysburg things really move along providing not only a historical story but an adventure story. The only problem I had with the book is how easily Thomas and his sister were accepted by the Union soldiers. In reality, their treatment would most likely have varied greatly from the friendly to the bigoted. And traveling through the North would have been difficult as well despite the outlawing of slavery. And educating black children with white children that's a whole other issue altogether. However, I understand why the author chose not to address these issues since they weren't the main point of the story. Overall, a good read that children are sure to enjoy.

my son really enjoys these books. I like the fact he is learning and reading at the same time. I feel it is better than just reading for fun alone. Not that there is anything wrong with reading for fun just that I like to see him excited about and hear him explain the history he learned to me. He is always asking more questions about the event after he reads the book. I feel it is an easy book to read as I've never heard him complain. Also, he is just an average reader and if anything doesn't enjoy reading, which makes these books even better in my opinion.

I bought my nine year old daughter the full series and she loves the books. She has read them all two to three times and shares them with her classmates as they take turns taking them home to read. She talks about the events all the time and how amazing it is that the people survived and has intrigued her interest more with the types of natural disasters that occur and incidents of mass casualty such as the sinking of the Titanic. Great books.

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