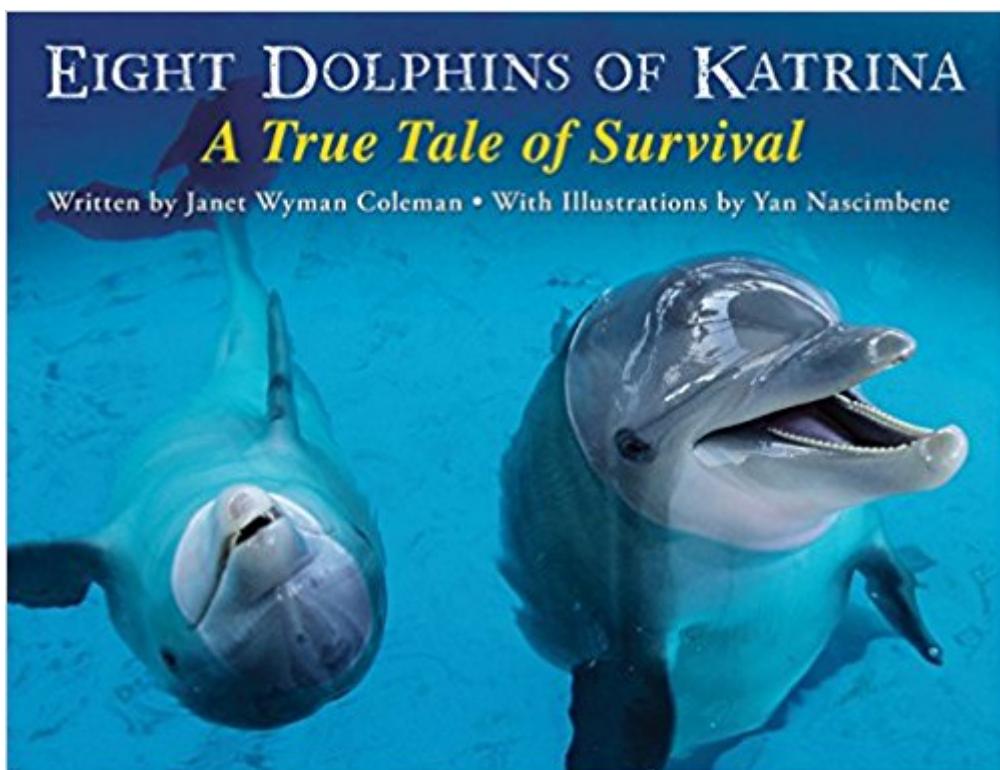


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# Eight Dolphins Of Katrina: A True Tale Of Survival



## Synopsis

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina crashed a forty-foot tidal wave over the Marine Life Oceanarium in Gulfport, Mississippi. The dolphin house was demolished, and its inhabitants swept from their tank into the Gulf of Mexico. After growing up in captivity, how could the eight bottlenose dolphins feed and protect themselves in the wild? And if they could survive, would their trainers ever see them again? This fascinating picture bookâ "enriched with both beautiful color-wash illustrations and photographs taken by the trainers themselvesâ "tells this dramatic, happy-ending story.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 2-5-This account of the loss and rescue of eight dolphins from a destroyed tank at the Marine Life Oceanarium in Gulfport, Mississippi, during Hurricane Katrina will intrigue readers. The animals were brought up in captivity and were unable to feed themselves in the wild, so the frantic trainers secured a helicopter and boat in the chaotic aftermath of the storm and locate the missing animals. Then after more days of training and preparation, the dolphins were recaptured from the open water and taken to their new pool. Following the lead story are four brief examples of dolphins saving people or other animals from certain death. The lovely impressionistic watercolor and ink illustrations are crisp against generous white borders, effectively capturing the frenzied storm

preparations and recapture. Rounding out the book is a photographic look at the actual oceanarium, the animals, their rescue, and the aftereffects of the hurricane. Animal lovers will empathize as they follow the trainers' worries and ultimate elation. A heartening, real-life rescue story.-Carol S. Surges, formerly at Longfellow Middle School, Wauwatosa, WI (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

Amid the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina, Coleman finds a happy ending. Dramatic narration, interspersed with dialogue taken from interviews, recounts how eight dolphins from the Marine Life Oceanarium in Gulfport, Mississippi, survived a 40-foot tidal wave that crushed their dolphin house and put them into the open waters of the Gulf Coast. The action continues as doctors and trainers form a plan to rescue the stranded dolphins. Illustrated with evocative watercolors reminiscent of Japanese woodblock prints, the riveting story is followed by informational text about dolphins' best friend • in the water, from the evolution, characteristics, and mythology of dolphins to heroic accounts of their rescue of humans and other marine life, as well as threats to their existence. A concluding scrapbook with color photos shows remarkable before-and-after shots of the dolphins and their home. Other scenes depict the rescue as it occurred. Descriptive notes add commentary as well as interesting facts (e.g., dolphins get their water from food because, like humans, they can't drink salty ocean water). Heartwarming and informative. Grades 1-4. --Angela Leeper

My granddaughters read this after a visit to Disney and Sea World and it was meaningful to them. A great story read by the family at night after busy days as it teaches my grandchildren the value of a great story and the joy of reading for life. This story about a real event brought home to them that as the care takers of the world and its fellow inhabitations of plants and animals that it behooves us to learn how to survive together. A great story and well executed !A little story for the whole family to read together and for a child to ponder over after reading. This was one of the books I chose for these children for the month and was I ever pleased with their approval.

I bought this for my daughter, i thought she would enjoy a true tail about dolphins being the dolphin fan she is. I was a little disappointed that more information wasn't given about the dolphins from the time they were located to the time they were returned to an aquarium. It would have also been interesting to know how they thought the dolphins made it into the ocean. It was a very basic story We did enjoy the real pictures at the back of the book.

This is a true story complete with photos by the wonderful men and women who dedicate their lives to saving our great creatures of the sea. Our dolphins story after Katrina is written for young and old alike and will be loved by anyone who loves our sealife half as much as the good people at Institute for Marine and Mammal Research.

I bought the book to give to a 3rd grade class, and the students loved it. They had been studying dolphins, and this book really added to their library of books on dolphins. Eight Dolphins to Katrina

bought this as a gift for a young niece who is animal lover has great pictures and a terrific story. This should be a movie.

I live on the Gulf Coast lived thru Katrina, had taken my grandchildren just shortly before the Hurricane to Marine Life, it was destroyed like so many other places, little grandson was so sad that "his dolphins" where gone I was so happy to purchase this book for Him now, 8 years later and he could read all about it.. All OUR Dolphins are now at the Bahamas they r together

Wonderful story about the rescue of these dolphins and how they found their way back to their home. Pictures were cute, interesting and helped explain the storyline beautifully. I loved it.

Cute book. I admire the authors in that they took used a current event and wrote a children's book. More current events should be available to read to young children so they get exposed to the real world.

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