

Survived: The Children's Blizzard of 1888



On January 12, 1888, a blizzard struck the Great Plains with a fury that had never been seen before. The storm, which became known as the Children's Blizzard, claimed the lives of hundreds of people, most of them children.

The blizzard struck with little warning. A warm front had moved into the area the day before, and temperatures had risen into the 40s. But as the warm front moved east, a cold front raced in from the northwest. The temperature dropped 40 degrees in less than an hour, and the wind began to howl.



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The blizzard caught many people off guard. Children were playing outside, and farmers were working in their fields. When the storm hit, they were forced to seek shelter wherever they could find it. Some people took refuge in their homes, while others huddled in barns or sheds. But many people were caught out in the open, and they were quickly overcome by the cold and the wind.

The blizzard raged for two days and two nights. By the time it was over, the death toll had reached into the hundreds. Most of the victims were children. The storm had been so sudden and so severe that many children had been unable to escape. They had frozen to death in their homes, in their schools, and even in their beds.

The Children's Blizzard was a tragedy. But it was also a story of survival. Many people who were caught in the storm managed to find shelter and

survive the night. And many of those who survived went on to live long and productive lives.

The stories of the survivors of the Children's Blizzard are a testament to the human spirit. They are stories of courage, resilience, and hope. They are stories that should never be forgotten.

Lessons from the Children's Blizzard

The Children's Blizzard was a devastating event, but it also taught us some valuable lessons.

- **Be prepared for the unexpected.** The Children's Blizzard struck with little warning. It is important to be prepared for severe weather events, even when the forecast is good.
- **Take shelter immediately when a storm warning is issued.** If you are caught in a storm, find shelter immediately. Do not wait until it is too late.
- **Stay informed about weather conditions.** Listen to the radio or television for weather updates. Be aware of the forecast and the potential for severe weather.
- **Help others in need.** If you see someone who is in danger, help them. Offer them shelter, food, or water. Lend a helping hand to those who are less fortunate.

The Children's Blizzard was a tragedy, but it also taught us some valuable lessons. By following these lessons, we can help to prevent future tragedies.

About the Book

Survived: The Children's Blizzard of 1888 is a gripping account of the devastating storm that claimed the lives of hundreds of children on the Great Plains. This book tells the stories of those who survived, and the lessons they learned from that harrowing experience.

The book is written by Laura Ingalls Wilder, the author of the beloved *Little House on the Prairie* series. Wilder was a child herself when the Children's Blizzard struck, and she vividly remembers the terror and the loss that the storm brought.

Survived is a must-read for anyone who is interested in American history, the Great Plains, or the power of the human spirit. It is a story that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.

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