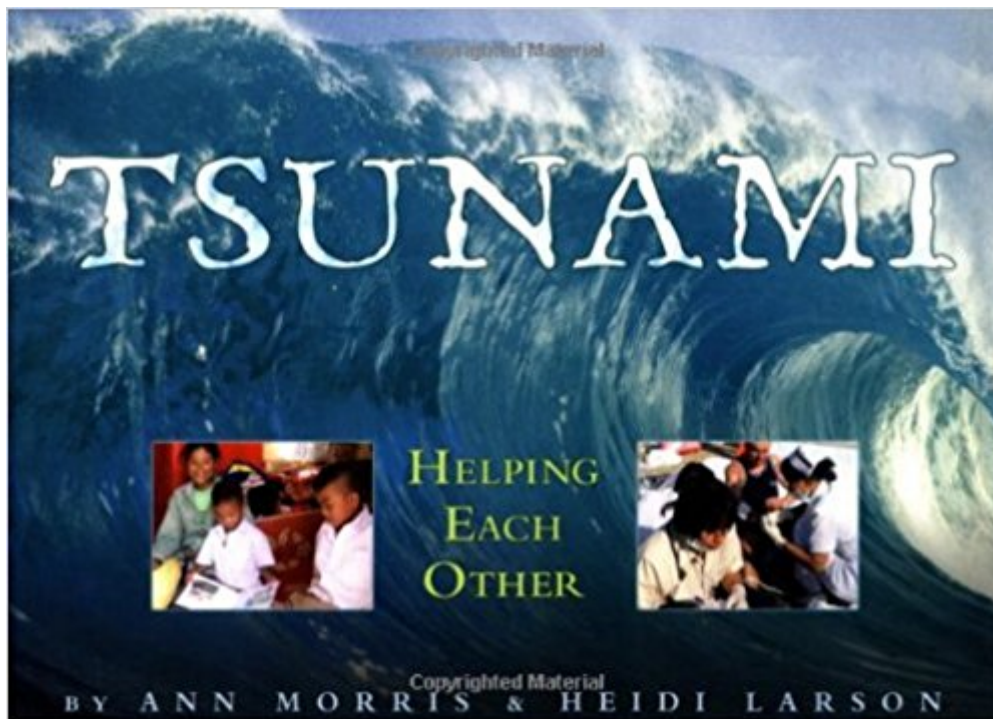


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# Tsunami: Helping Each Other



## Synopsis

In cooperation with UNICEF, Millbrook Press has created this poignant photographic journey of a family in the aftermath of the devastating tsunami. A portion of the proceeds of each book sold will go to the tsunami relief effort. The devastation of the recent Tsunami affects everyone, including children. Ann Morris and UNICEF photographer Heidi Larson traveled to the region of Thailand hit by the recent Tsunami to tell the story of a family before and after the event. The book discusses the family's experience during the storm and the chaos immediately following. But the focus is on what life was like immediately after the disaster: coping with loss; the availability of food, shelter, and clothing; post-flood disease control; and the children's attempt at re-entry into elementary school life.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 11 years

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 3-6 "A profusely illustrated account of the experiences of two brothers, Chaiya and Chaipeak, ages 8 and 12, in their Thai village during and after the December 2004 tsunami. Less focused on an explanation of a tsunami than most other books, the authors present a more personalized description of the disaster and its effect on its victims by tracing the boys' experiences as they survive disaster; reunite with their mother; learn of the loss of their father, home, and school;

and eventually move into a temporary shelter and return to a makeshift school. Vividly depicting the tragedy and relief efforts, the outstanding color photos contrast the area before the tsunami with the sights victims encountered during and immediately after the event, and even into the beginnings of recovery. While briefer than John Albert Torres's *Disaster in the Indian Ocean, Tsunami 2004* (Mitchell Lane, 2005), this book offers superior illustrations and demonstrates more personally the effect of the tragedy on its victims.â “Jeffrey A. French, Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library, Willowick, OH Copyright Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Gr. 2-4. Though this photo-essay chases the heels of many quicker-to-press titles about the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, it offers a more personalized look at the disaster than most. Illustrating a carefully modulated text with a mix of stock images and Larson's own photos, the coauthors filter the devastating facts through the experiences of two brothers, ages 12 and 8, living in Khao Lak, Thailand. The boys' fearsome ordeal is never soft-pedaled (readers learn that their father perished in the surge), but there is equal focus on a more heartening phase of the aftermath, centered on the rebuilding of the children's school. The organization of the photos and text sometimes feels chaotic, and the narrative would have benefited from direct quotes from the children. But readers concerned about disasters in faraway places (or closer to home) may respond better to this treatment than broader overviews, which rarely show such concrete, measurable progress within a specific community. Partial proceeds from sales of the book will go toward a relief fund. Jennifer Mattson Copyright Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved

*Tsunami: Helping Each Other* is a picturebook about the real-life tragedy of the tsunami that devastated Asia and killed thousands of people. Author Ann Morris and Unicef's senior communication adviser Heidi Larson asked themselves, what happened to the families that survived? How had the children's lives changed? In search of answers, they traveled to Thailand, which had 5,000 confirmed tsunami deaths and another 2,900 still missing. They visited families and temporary schools, and saw the work that international agencies and relief teams were doing to help people get on with their lives. Illustrated throughout with full-color photographs, *Tsunami: Helping Each Other* is not about the destruction of a natural tragedy, but rather the positive influence that human beings can have on one another, and the hope they can spread, when they come together to rebuild, help the living, and pay tribute to those who have passed on. Highly recommended.

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