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Tomorrow, When the War Began
by John Marsden
HMH Books for Young Readers, 1995
While Ellie and her friends are on a camping trip in the Australian Outback, war comes to their small coastal town. Returning home to find their houses taken over, their families captured, and their pets dead, they must make a choice: Will they give themselves up? Or will they fight back?

Battle Royale
by Koushun Takami
Haika Soru, 2009
In an alternative future, Japan’s authoritarian government ruthlessly forces teenagers to fight to the death. Choosing not to fight means you will be executed. In Battle Royale, we get an inside look at what goes through the mind of each student as they decide if survival is worth killing for.

The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible... on Schindler’s List
by Leon Leyson
Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2013
In his memoir, Leon Leyson (born Leib Lezjon) recounts how he and his family survived the Holocaust after the Nazi’s invaded Poland. Time and again, Leib was faced with the choice to give up or survive.
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How to Survive Anything: From Animal Attacks to the End of the World
(And Everything in Between)
by Tim MacWelch and Weldon Owen, 2015

So many possible disasters, so little time to prepare. This guide lays out possible disasters from A-Z including those very likely to happen, as well as some really out-there possibilities. Earthquakes? You’re covered. Shark attacks? Covered. Zombie invasions? Yep, you can even survive zombies.

Life of Pi
by Yann Martel
Knopf, 2001

Pi and his family sell their zoo in India to move to Canada. When a storm hits their ship, Pi and a remaining Bengal Tiger from the zoo become stranded on a lifeboat together. Over the long months at sea, they must learn to trust each other to survive.

MORE SURVIVAL STORIES!

Breathing Underwater
by Alex Flinn
Surviving Abusive Relationships

The Forest of Hands and Teeth
by Carrie Ryan
Surviving Zombies

Hatchet
by Gary Paulsen
Surviving Alone in the Wilderness