

A FAMILY DISCUSSION CARD FOR THE DISASTER DAYS

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QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE YOU READ:

- What does the cover tell you about this book?
- What kinds of characters do you think might be in this story?
- What are you curious to find out from reading this book?

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE YOU READ:

- What can you tell me about the story so far?
- What would you have done if you were Hannah? How would you have felt if you were in her situation?
- Can you predict how this story will end?

QUESTIONS TO ASK AFTER READING:

- Were your predictions about the story correct?
- What was your favorite part of the story?
- Did any parts of the story relate to our family or our home?

CONNECTING TO CURRENT EVENTS:

- What did you learn about natural disasters?
- What did you learn about how to prepare for a disaster?
- After reading this story, are there any actions you think our family should take?



ABOUT THIS BOOK

Hannah Steele loves living on Pelling, a tiny island near Seattle. It's a little disconnected from the outside world, but it's been her home forever, and she's always felt safe there. So when she's asked to babysit after school one day, she thinks it's no big deal. Zoe and Oscar are her next-door neighbors, and Hannah just took a babysitting class, which she's pretty sure makes her an expert. She isn't even worried that she left her inhaler at home.

THEN THE SHAKING BEGINS.

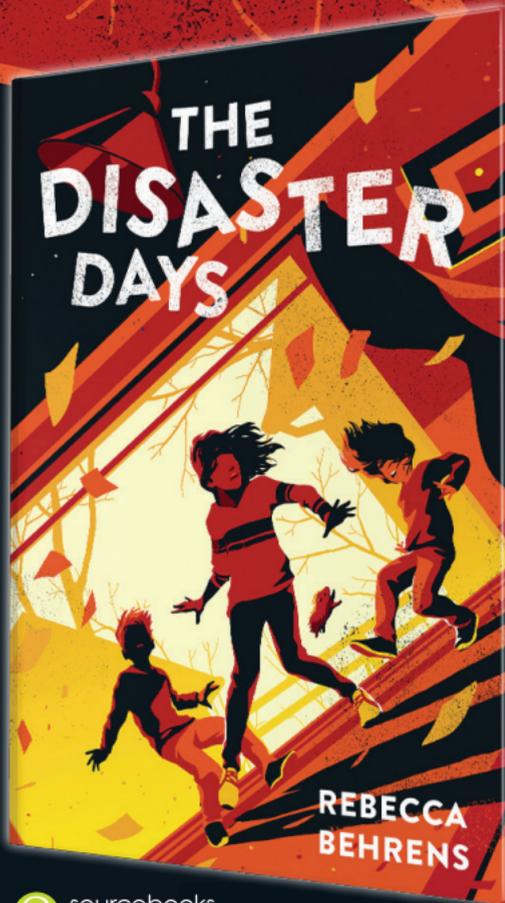
The terrifying earthquake only lasts four minutes, but it changes everything—damaging the house, knocking out the power, and making cell service nonexistent. Even worse, the ferry and the bridge connecting the kids to help—and their parents—are both blocked, which means they're stranded and alone. And Hannah's in charge as things go from bad to dangerous.

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