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I Survived the Japanese Tsunami, 2011

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Japan is the last place on earth Ben wants to be right now. Even after his father's death, his mother refuses to cancel their family trip to the village where Ben's father grew up. Being so close to memories of his father leaves him shaking.

Wait – it's not just Ben, it's the whole house! There's an earthquake! Through some quick thinking, he and his family are lucky to survive. Just when it seems the danger is over, his uncle rushes them to the car. And that's when Ben sees it: the wave, taller than any building. Right behind them.



Best for ages 8–12