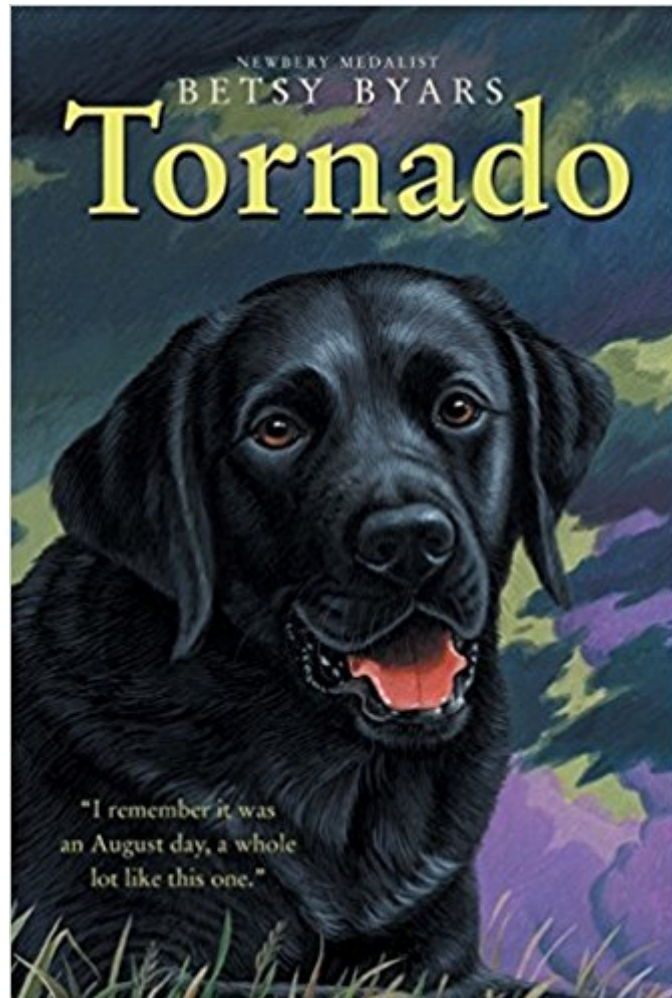




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# Tornado (Trophy Chapter Books (Paperback))



## Synopsis

A tornado appears in the distance, and Pete, the farmhand, gathers everyone into the storm cellar. While they wait for the storm to pass, he tells the family about the dog dropped down by a tornado when Pete was a boy. Named Tornado, Pete's pet was no ordinary dog -- he played card tricks, saved a turtle's life, and had a rivalry with the family cat. By the time Pete tells all of Tornado's lively stories, the storm has passed, and another family has been entertained by this very special dog.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gr. 3<sup>^</sup>-5. When a tornado is sighted, a boy's family rushes to the storm cellar. Anxious about the father, who's still in the cornfield, they listen to the storm overhead and to the stories related by their farmhand, Pete, about Tornado, the dog he knew and loved as a boy. Framed by the progress of the current twister, the five interior chapters are Tornado tales. The first concerns a storm that blew the dog and his doghouse into Pete's life; another tells of Tornado's dealings with a cat; yet another relates the dog's ability to do a card trick. One full-page, shaded pencil drawing appears in each chapter. The episodes are fairly short and the print large. The handsome illustrations by Doron

Ben-Ami give the volume a more distinguished, less juvenile look than the typical chapter book and convey the story's drama, warmth, and occasional humor. Parents and teachers will find this an excellent book to read aloud, and dog lovers of any age will find it irresistible. Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Betsy Byars is a widely read and loved author of many award-winning middle-grade books for children, including *Summer Of The Swans* (Viking), a 1971 Newbery Medal winner. *The Pinballs* was an ALA Notable Children's Book in 1977 as well as the basis for an ABC Afterschool Special. Other books she has written for HarperCollins are *Good-bye, Chicken Little*; *The Seven Treasure Hunts*, illustrated by Jennifer Barrett; and three *I Can Read Books*, the popular *The Golly Sisters Go West*, *Hooray For The Golly Sisters!*, and *The Golly Sisters Ride Again*, all illustrated by Sue Truesdell. Ms. Byars lives in Clemson, South Carolina, with her husband. Doron Ben-Ami is an award winning illustrator living in Danbury Connecticut with his wife Hilary Kaufman/Ben-Ami and two children, Juliet and Jake. Mr. Ben-Ami studied art at Brooklyn College where he graduated Cum Laude in 1977 with a Bachelor of Fine Art. He subsequently served an apprenticeship with renowned figurative painter Philip Pearlstein. His work has appeared on numerous young adult and children's book covers, as well as national advertisements.

My daughter had to read this book for her summer reading list from school. It was a short read, only 50 pages. There are a lot of illustrations in this book so it only took her about 45 minutes to read the entire book. The book is about a family waiting out a storm in their storm cellar. Their farmhand Pete is in the cellar with them and he starts to tell them stories about Tornado, the dog that was deposited in his yard after a tornado when he was a boy. When Pete is telling the stories about him and Tornado, you could definitely imagine the events as the story goes because of the vivid language. This is a great read for any young reader.

I bought this book years ago for our now ten year old son. He never seemed interested, so it sat in our home library. He was home with a bad cold recently and "discovered" this book. He read it in one afternoon and loved it! It is an easy read but engaging and perfect for younger readers. I read it the same day he did and loved it as well. Great story time book for little kids or an easier, fun read for 2nd grade and up.

Purchased as part of a unit study about weather. My 7 and 8 year old boys loved this story.

This is a fun story for a young child to read. I would have given it 5 stars except that I didn't think the father and son were very nice to the family that lost the dog when they had to return him and when the dog came back to them they intentionally didn't take him to town so the original family couldn't reclaim him. That does not seem to me like a good example is being set. It does however set up a good discussion situation with the child and a chance to find out what they think or what they might have done.

This is a story about a story told while waiting for a tornado to cease. It was just so-so, in my opinion. I've heard better stories around the camp fire. Time will tell if my granddaughter likes it.

Both of my boys love this book and have read it several times. It was required for school and they fell in love.

My boys really enjoyed this book as a read-aloud. We read it to go along with a language arts unit study in 3rd grade.

My grandson named his new puppy Tornado. He took the book to school, and the book was his reading assignment Great story, and good reading for a 2nd grader.

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