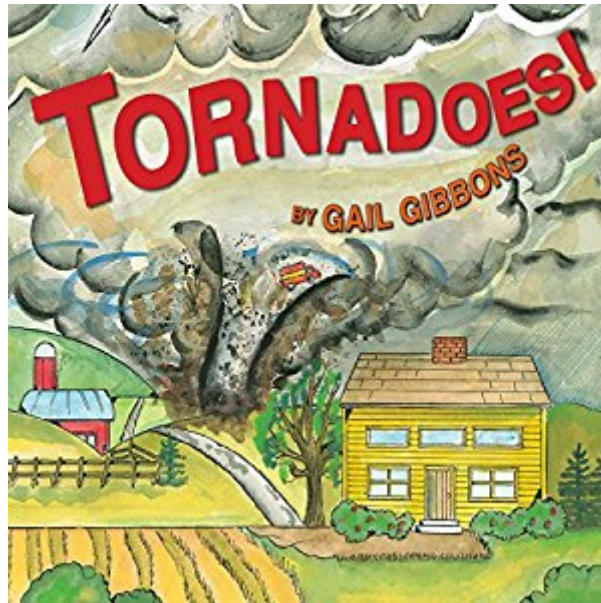


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Synopsis

Tornadoes are funnel-shaped clouds that can cause massive destruction on the ground. Their winds can swirl faster than 260 miles per hour! In addition to factual information, youngsters will learn about how such extreme weather affects the lives of people in areas where these atmospheric storms are common. Using clear wording, Gail Gibbons explains how tornadoes form, the scale used for classifying them, and what to do in case one should be near you.

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When cumulonimbus storm clouds gather, the lightning starts and rain or hail begin to fall you might want to be prepared just in case a tornado forms. Tornado "comes from the Spanish word tronada, meaning `thunderstorm.'" The interchange between rising warm, humid air and the cooler air in the clouds creates condensation which begins to fall down to Earth. With just the right combination a funnel cloud, or tornado can be formed. Time to take cover! If you think that there is one particular time of the year that your area experiences tornadoes you might have to rethink your theory as the author states that "tornadoes may occur at any time of the year if the weather conditions are right."Historically there have been some whopper tornadoes, but until 1971 there was no scale with which to measure them. T. Theodore Fujita created the "Fujita Tornado Scale rating tornadoes on a scale from F0 to F5." Although it is not reasonable or possible to rank wind speeds during a tornado, the speeds can be estimated. In this exciting book you will learn about each kind of tornado, their wind speeds and the kind of damage they can create. If you take a close look at the illustrations, which span two pages for each tornado, you can readily see the destructive force of each one. You'll get to take a look at Tornado Alley, check out a couple of very destructive tornadoes, learn about meteorologists and the National Weather Service and, most important of all, learn "what to do

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