

*Survive an Avalanche*  
**Discussion Guide**  
Grades 3-7

**Before Reading: to activate schema, build background knowledge, and set a purpose.**

- What do you know about mountains? Have you ever visited a mountain? What did you see?
- What kind of danger could you experience in mountains? What about in winter mountains?
- Frontload vocabulary: see the vocabulary list

**During Reading: to engage students, check for understanding, and make connections.**

- What is an avalanche? How is one avalanche formed?
- Are avalanches avoidable? What is the best survival tip?
- Before heading towards winter mountain activities, what should be packed in your gear?
- Is it wise to travel alone in a winter mountains? What or why not?
- What are the danger signals for an upcoming avalanche?
- What should you do if you are caught in an avalanche?

**After Reading: to summarize, question, and reflect.**

- Make a safe guide poster regarding avalanches for winter mountain tourists. Include what to bring and safety tips.
- What are common tips for natural disasters?

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.