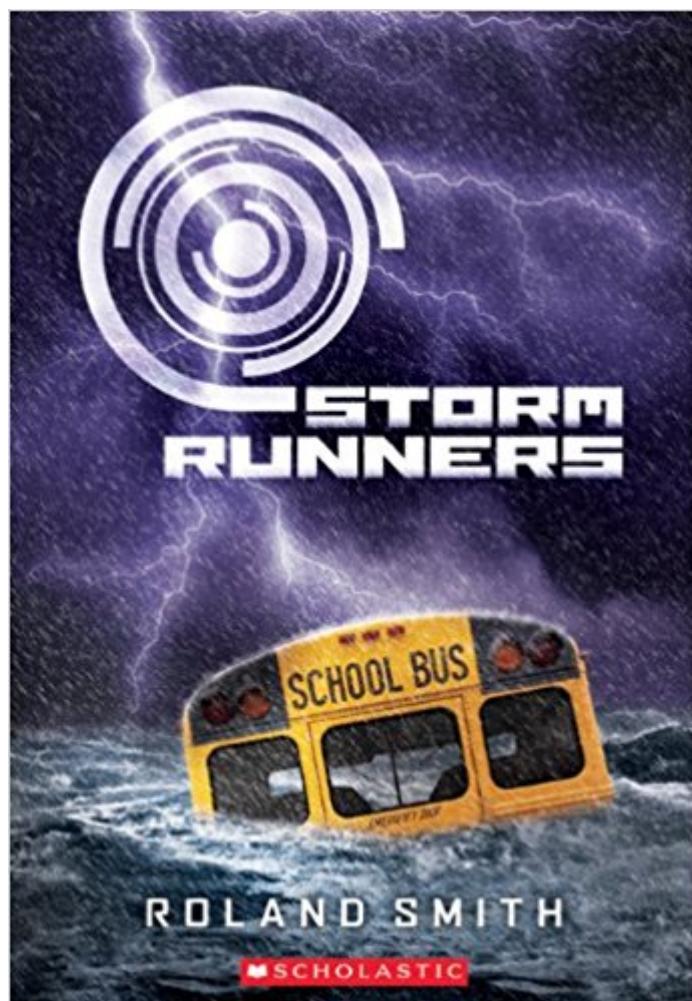


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# Storm Runners



## **Synopsis**

Book one in Roland Smith's middle-grade action-adventure series--now in paperback! Chase Masters and his father are "storm runners," racing across the country in pursuit of hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods. Anywhere bad weather strikes, they are not far behind. Chase is learning more on the road than he ever would just sitting in a classroom. But when the hurricane of the century hits, he will be tested in ways he never could have imagined.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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## **Customer Reviews**

Praise for STORM RUNNERS; Certain to grab readers and leave them waiting to snatch up the next installment; • BOOKLIST; A breakneck read, perfectly geared to the restless and reluctant. • BULLETIN OF THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Roland Smith first worked with animals at the Portland Zoo, and he has been involved in animal rescues and conservation work around the world for more than twenty years. He is the author of numerous books for young readers, including JACK'S RUN, ZACH'S LIE, CRYPTID HUNTERS, PEAK, TENTACLES, and the Storm Runners series. He is also the co-author of numerous picture books with his wife, Marie. Roland lives with Marie on a farm south of Portland, Oregon. You can

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I am a teacher and like to read the books that my students are interested in so that I can be knowledgeable enough to discuss the books with them. *Storm Runners* was not my first Roland Smith book, so I expected the same great writing and suspense that I found in *Cryptid Hunters*. The suspense and plot were well laid out and kept my full attention, but the abrupt ending of this short novel was a huge disappointment. After reading the sequel, *Surge*, I felt that the two books could easily have been combined into one book, which would have made more sense and not required me to buy two very small books. If you put the two *Storm Runners* books together they are still not as thick as the *Cryptid Hunters* book. So, I spent \$11.98 for two books that are smaller than one I spent \$6.99 for. Not sure if this was a marketing strategy or the publisher just wanted more money, but in my opinion, this was not the best way to present the story.

While the first book in the series started off a bit slow, I really liked the story quite a bit as a whole, but can't for the life of me justify another \$3.99 to read the third "book". These books are way too short. I was shocked when the first book completely ended smack dab in the middle of the story. And... I was ticked. Had all these been combined into one gripping novel, (without the acronym "WPP" showing up everywhere), I would have given this four or five full stars. Readers get really angry and disenchanted with a writer when they pay for a full book that's read in a couple of hours. They're supposed to be novels with at least 75,000-100,000 words. Man. This series would have been perfect as one complete novel. Too bad. I'm going to have to write my own conclusion to the series in my head (It'll be super happy, where all the animals were just fine). I will add that this author is a pretty good writer (he is). I just wish he'd gone about this differently. Note to animal lovers: Many animal deaths & descriptions in this series. I never get warnings myself, but wish for them, so there ya go...

*Storm Runners* is a great story with awesome action and confusing parts. Chase is the main character in the story. He goes to school with a girl named Nicole. A hurricane named Emily headed to their school. They head back to their home on a school bus, but it flips. They get stuck in the swamp. The confusing parts are when the author introduces characters without explaining who they are in the beginning. This is a warning, but keep reading it because it gets good. I recommend this book to my brother Cole and to other people who like books with action. Even though the beginning is confusing, it has amazing action, and I think people will like it.

The third book in the Storm Runners trilogy has a new setting, but the man v. nature conflict continues and is as engaging as the battle against the hurricane. Loose circus animals continue to be a problem for our plucky protagonist, and reluctant readers will enjoy this adventure as much as the previous two.

Gift for a special student...his mom told me he was so excited!!!

I was reading the first book to my 7th graders and we were shocked when it just left off in the middle of the hurricane! I was so glad that I could get the kindle version for the next day and it was so affordable. I didn't want to disappoint my kids!!! The books are so engaging and if they can keep my 7th graders interested they are worth it!!!!

The story was interesting and definitely geared to a young (5th grade) audience. The three stars were given because there was no warning that it would NOT END in any satisfactory way. There were so many things left up in the air. I know it is first of a series of several but I always hated soap operas for the same reason. At least give some semblance of resolution at the end of a book. If you like reading series of books, it would likely be enjoyable for most.

It was a very great adventure book I loved it. I also really liked the cliff hanger at the end of the book that really liked that it makes me really want to read the second book and third and hopefully it has a cliff hanger too. I also read the Cryptid Hunters series and that was one of the best series I have ever read. I really like Roland Smith books I hope you continue to make awesome adventure series. He is a really good author I recommend his book to everybody.

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