

Announcing...

A teaching kit for using the children's novel
Storm Warriors, by Elisa Carbone,
as a guided reading activity for small or large groups

Available at the Forsyth Public Library

This coming-of-age novel for ages 10-15 deals with such themes as family relationships, racism, hope, and courage in an historically accurate setting (the Outer Banks of North Carolina in the years 1895-1896). It lends itself to **book discussion clubs, classroom reading, or family reading groups in a school, library, or home-school setting** and could be the focus for **Black History studies, vocational guidance, father/son stories, or as an example of historical fiction.**

Summary from VOYA review

*Twelve-year-old Nathan Williams lives with his fisherman father and grandfather on Pea Island, off the shore of North Carolina. They share the island with the storm warriors, a heroic crew of the United States Lifesaving Service. Nathan watches the only African American crew in the service with admiration and even gets a chance to help in some of the rescues. He dreams of becoming one of them, although Nathan's father expects him to follow in his fisherman footsteps. Being told that only the sons of the current crew can become members of the next crew, Nathan makes it his mission to learn anything any member of the group is willing to teach him, bucking the odds to become one of them. His dreams and hopes are washed away when Nathan is thrown in the middle of a dangerous rescue, as he discovers that he does not have the courage to risk his life as do the real members of the crew. New hopes for a future as a different kind of lifesaver become apparent to Nathan as the book closes. This story, which is based on real people and events, is a fascinating tale of high adventure and will be a favorite with reluctant readers.
Reviewer: Bradley Honigsford*

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Kit includes: 25 paperback copies of the book
1 hardcover copy for use by teachers or discussion leaders
1 resource guide with supplementary materials

**Two kits are available for an initial loan period of 1 month.
Longer periods can be arranged at the borrower's request.**

Requests for the kits can be made online or by contacting the Forsyth Public Library and asking for the **Storm Warriors Teaching Kit.**

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