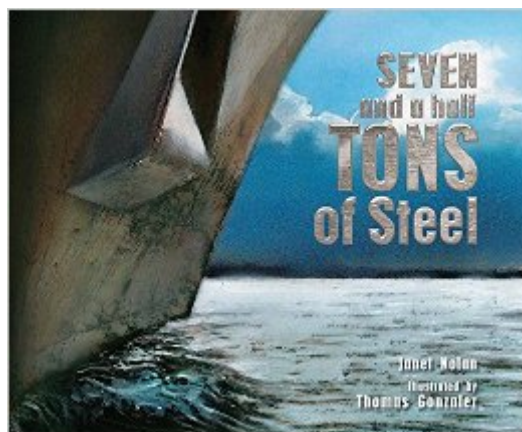


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# Seven And A Half Tons Of Steel



## Synopsis

There is a ship, a navy ship. It is called the USS New York. It is big like other navy ships, and it sails like other navy ships, but there is something special about the USS New York. Following the events of September 11, 2001, the governor of New York gave the Navy a steel beam that was once inside one of the World Trade Towers. The beam was driven from New York to a foundry in Louisiana. Metal workers heated the beam to a high, high temperature. Chippers and grinders, painters and polishers worked on the beam for months. And then, seven and a half tons of steel, which had once been a beam in the World Trade Center, became a navy ship's bow. This powerful story reveals how something remarkable can emerge from a devastating event.

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Summary: The USS New York is a Navy ship weighting 25,000 tons. Seven and a half of those tons are made of steel from a most unusual source—the World Trade Center. After the September 11 destruction of the Twin Towers, work crews removed a steel beam and had it transported from New York to Louisiana. There it was melted down and molded into a ship's bow. The work of building the ship was interrupted by Hurricane Katrina, but eventually, the ship was completed and brought back to New York. There it was greeted with a twenty-one gun salute before sailing off

to do its work at sea. An author's note gives more facts about the USS New York and the meaning of the different colors and symbols of its crest. 36 pages; grades 2-5. Pros: History buff, especially military history, will enjoy learning about the construction of this special ship. The large, vivid paintings offer plenty of visual details to the story. Cons: There are only a few sentences about September 11 and Hurricane Katrina, so kids may need more information on both of these events to truly appreciate this book.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book to my kids. It is so well written and illustrated. The thing that is amazing is that it beautifully describes in words and images one of our saddest days as a nation and finds a way to find something positive in the destruction of property and more importantly our sense before 9/11 that we were invincible. It is something that all libraries should own. It is a book that anyone who wants to help a child understand a part of our history should purchase and keep. I strongly recommend this book and give it my highest rating.

A beautiful book. The spirit of the book stays with you after reading it. A story for any age. Even though it begins with 9-11 it is really about the ability to rebuild a piece of the tragedy into an amazing new ship that stands strong for the future! Janet Nolan is able to capture the beauty of taking a part of our saddest history and turning a small portion of it into something beautiful and lasting. Fantastic book!

This a wonderful book well written, with great illustrations. A terrific way to teach 1st and 2nd graders and later students some recent USA history. Well done, Janet Gould, you're an outstanding storyteller.

Great book! Extremely well written and powerful. I really enjoyed it and would recommend it to people of all ages.

A charming and delightful book for children (adults too) !

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