



## Mary and the Trail of Tears: A Cherokee Removal Survival Story

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**About the Book:** Twelve-year-old Mary and her Cherokee family are forced out of their home in Georgia by U.S. soldiers in May 1838. From the beginning of the forced move, Mary and her family are separated from her father. Facing horrors such as internment, violence, disease, and harsh weather, Mary perseveres and helps keep her family and friends together until they can reach the new Cherokee nation in Indian Territory. Featuring nonfiction support material, a glossary, and reader response questions, this Girls Survive story explores the tragedy of forced removals following the Indian Removal Act of 1830.



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**Why We Love this Book:** History made personal by experiencing it through a fictional character. Focus of female main characters allows girls to see themselves (and boys to see girls) as integral parts of history. Survival stories are perennial favorites.

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