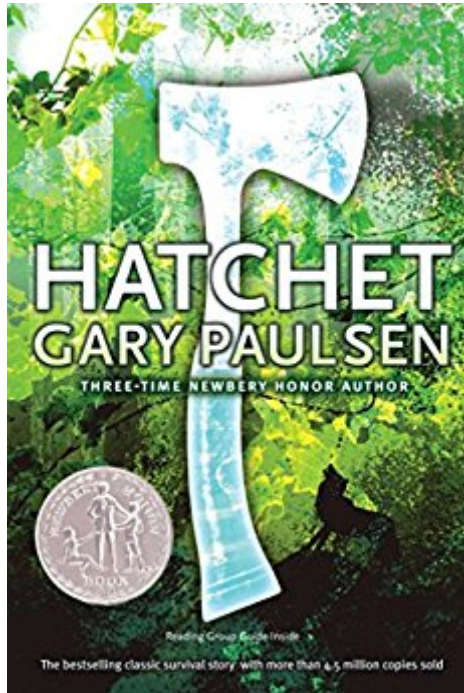


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Hatchet (Brian's Saga Book 1)



Synopsis

This award-winning contemporary classic is the survival story with which all others are compared—and a page-turning, heart-stopping adventure, recipient of the Newbery Honor. Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is on his way to visit his father when the single-engine plane in which he is flying crashes. Suddenly, Brian finds himself alone in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but a tattered Windbreaker and the hatchet his mother gave him as a present—and the dreadful secret that has been tearing him apart since his parents' divorce. But now Brian has no time for anger, self pity, or despair—it will take all his know-how and determination, and more courage than he knew he possessed, to survive.

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Customer Reviews

My 10 year old son, and I listened to "Hatchet" on Audio CD format, while driving from WA State to eastern B.C., Canada. Read splendidly by Peter Coyote, it is a captivating story of a boy's survival in the northern Canadian woods. My son was mesmerized. He and I thoroughly enjoyed the story, and it helped time pass quickly on our long drive north. I think the entire audio version is just over 3

hours, with 3 CD's. I highly recommend this book for any youngster who's curious about learning survival skills, and imagines what it would be like to have to survive on their own.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have to survive in the wilderness...alone? That is exactly what 13-year-old Brian Robeson had to do on the book Hatchet. He was on his way to visit his father when his plane crashed. He had to provide everything for himself: food, shelter and other necessities for life. This book is perfect for anyone ages 9 and up. The book Hatchet is all about a 13-year-old boy trying to live alone in the wilderness. The writers use a 13-year-olds perspective in writing this book. Everything is new to Brian and he has to eat berries and other foods that he has never tried before. Sometimes he eats the wrong things or too much of something and his stomach doesn't agree. The way he talks is like a 13-year-old also. "I'm hungry." He said it aloud. In normal tones at first, then louder and louder until he was yelling it. "I'm hungry, I'm hungry, I'm hungry!" He is just like any other 13-year-old and the book proves this and helps the reader relate to Brian. The book is very simple to understand and has many facts about animals and plants. It tells about snowshoe rabbits and chokecherries and many other wildlife animals and plants. Hatchet is very informative but also lots of fun. This is a book that you would never want to put down once you start it. Hatchet has many facts and is very action packed and adventurous. Anyone 10 to 14 would find that it is especially great because it relates to them but anyone 9 or up would love this action-packed book!

For the YA crowd, I think this would be excellent and the study guide in the back would provoke many good discussions, especially for children who have little outdoor experience. For an adult reader, it was way too simple and relatively graceless, but that's an unfair criticism, as I came to it expecting something that it was not going to deliver. Again, as a YA book, it definitely delivers a thought provoking and discussion-starting story with a compelling narrator.

This is a children's book, simply written, would be a good read for a boy or girl. Good lessons in self reliance.

This was a great book! I loved the story and it was super easy to follow along with! The book is also a very short read and I was able to read it in a day!! Once I started reading it I couldn't put it down!! The font used was also very easy to read and wasn't too small like other books but also wasn't super large!

There also wasn't many spelling errors or grammar errors! I would recommend this book. I did pay full retail for this book

When my oldest son was in sixth grade and came home from school just bursting with excitement to tell me about a book he was reading, I was impressed. When his younger brother showed the same enthusiasm for the same book, I thought this is awesome! I purchased or checked out all the sequels for them and even read them myself. Exciting, fast-paced, easy read but interesting enough for adults. Any book that gets young teen boys excited about reading is a major hit! I have recommended this book numerous times over the years to reluctant readers and the results were always the same. I am now excited to be sharing these books with my 12 year old grandson and he is as excited about them as his step-dad, my son, was almost 20 years ago.

I read this book back when I was in third grade, (or perhaps "listened to" is the better term since I used a CD version of it), and honestly I didn't think it was that great at the time. But several years later (about a week ago at the time of this review) I decided to give it another try. I was instantly hooked by the story and couldn't put it down until I finished it. Plus I really enjoyed all of the real survival knowledge that's in this book. (being a survivalist myself) And a lot of it could be easily used if faced with a life or death situation. The only downsides to this book that I can think of is that there is a repetition in the sentences that left me slightly confused. (if you read the book you'll know what I'm talking about) However this can definitely be forgiven by the fact that the author is portraying Brian's thoughts and confusion on the situation at hand and with his parents and the "Secret" that only he knows. But the book levels out these repetitions as Brian levels out in his thinking and life style with his transformation from a frail, scared boy who thinks everything is hopeless to a tough, determined man who is not about to let the woods beat him. Over all a great book that's a good read for all ages!

While waiting for my conference time with my kindergarten son's teacher I was looking at the display of book reports. A second grade student had done his report on Hatchet and I knew I had to read this book. Later that evening I was describing the book to my husband. I could not remember the title but I was only just describing little parts when he said Hatchet by Gary Paulson and that he was his favorite author when he was a boy. I am a 35 year old mother of 3, ages 17 to 2. I am an avid reader of all genres. I really enjoyed this book. I read it straight through because I was there with him and was rooting for him. As an adult, I could say it was predictable but that would be unfair. The

author did an amazing job of making me turn the pages and putting me in the story. I would recommend this to any child that can handle this level of reading. It is written well and does not talk down to children, like some books do. I will end my review here so I can begin the next chapter :)

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