

Dear Gary Paulsen,

When I read your book "Hatchet", I was really impressed. If I would ever be alone in wilderness I would wish to have your book with me. I was really touched especially because it is based on a real story.

First of all I wasn't sure if I should read the book because the title irritated me and the cover wasn't really attractive.

But when I read the first pages I was positively surprised. Brian wanted to visit his father in the Canadian north woods with a private plane, in which was only the pilot and Brian. After the pilot had a heart attack and died, Brian was desperated.

I preferred the way you wrote this part. It was so exciting how Brian landed the little plane. The book deals with the teenager Brian and his problems.

Because he is the same age I can understand him very good. When he arrived in wilderness he felt lonely but in the end

the situation changed in a good way. Brian found ways to survive and fought against his fears. I couldn't stop to read the book because I thought I was Brian, the boy in the wilderness.

One of my favorite theories in "Hatchet" is that the will to survive is stronger than anything else. Your book instilled into my head how big the wish is to fight for his own life.

I want to thank you for writing the book "Hatchet".

Yours sincerely,
Klaus