

Dear Mr. Paulsen,

there are many films about planes crashing and people who need to survive in the wild. But we've never thought of this topic in a serious way because these films are all funny and want to entertain people.

Your book changed our opinion. We asked ourselves whether we would have survived in the wilderness.

Today, we live in abundance. We can buy our food in supermarkets and we are protected by the walls of our houses. It's sad that we forget about nature, we forget to listen to the sounds of nature and what they want to tell us. For example rain is often seen as annoying, not as the water we need to live.

Instead of living in conformity with nature, we destroy it. Our cities get bigger, we build roads everywhere to drive with cars which pollute the environment.

We will admit to you, Mr. Paulsen, that we also like to buy our food in supermarkets, instead of hunting animals. The problem is that we don't see supermarkets as luxury, but take it for granted.

That's why we tend to live a wasteful lifestyle.

In contrast, Brian showed us, that living in conformity with nature isn't easy, but it's possible to handle it.

We can just start by opening our eyes to see the beauty of the wilderness and we can try to listen to every little sound of nature and see it as a wonderful gift.

So thank you for 'Hatchet'. It's a wake-up  
call and a warning hidden in a compelling story.