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Dear Gary Paulsen,

I wondered how it would be to live in the woods or even camp for more than a couple months all alone: Is it scary? Is it fun? Is it hard? I found out when I read *Hatchet*. Your book wiggled me, confused me, and bewildered me until I learned from this book that if you're alone and have no one to help you, try yourself. I used to be dependant, but now I learned to be more like Brian, independant. When Brian survived alone for a long time by himself that inspired me to learn how to live in the woods for a long time. The book didn't just help me want to learn in survival I wanted to also learn to thrive in schools and academics. Personally I would have probably died and given up, but no Brian kept going and didn't give up. This is where I learned how to keep going and don't give up!

Before I read your book I was a hopeless I didn't care about anything and I was just on earth to live. Now I am wanting to thrive at everything in life to live a happier, better, and more successful life. My life will now be full of fun, passionate, and wonder, because I want to thrive at everything to make everything, everyone, and everyone more successful!

I started learning how to be passionate and wanting to thrive and be smart so I could learn everything to live in the woods for a long time. This book has kept me motivated and in-line with everyone, everything, and everywhere! That day when I finished your book I dreaded every last word on the page, like every good book, and I returned it back to the library and read your sequel, *Brian's Return*.

After I read your book I felt more confidence in myself and wanted to be more passionate. I am now more passionate and confident, and whatever life throws, at me I can handle it!

Sincerely



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