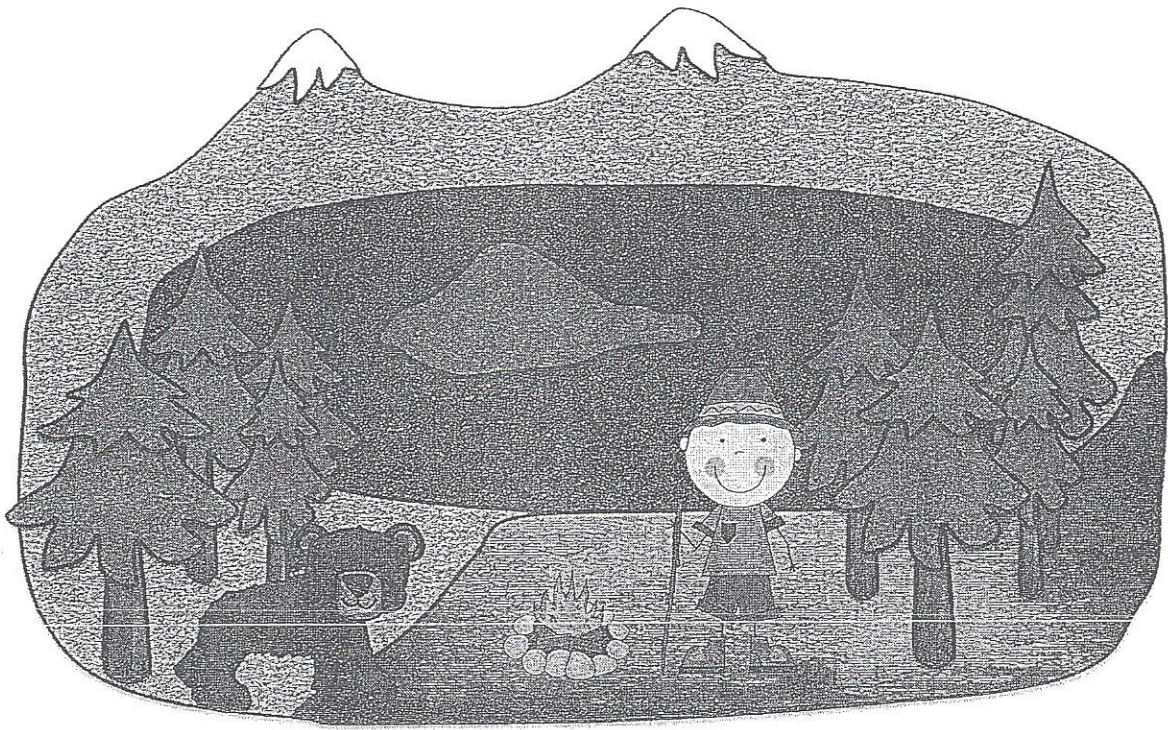


# Hatchet

BY: GARY PAULSEN



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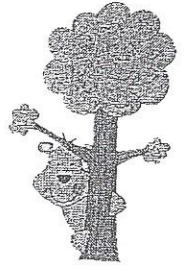


Answer all questions in a complete sentence.

## Pre-Reading

*Hatchet*, by Gary Paulsen, is a story of adventure and survival. Tell of a time you went on an adventure.

Imagine you are alone in the wilderness. What three items would you want to have with you?



## Chapter 1

Where was Brian headed in the Cessna? Why?

What happened to the pilot? How did Brian react?

## Vocabulary

Word: drone (pg. 2)

Definition:

Part of Speech:

Sentence:

## Chapter 2

How would you feel if you were Brian flying the plane alone? Why?

Have you ever been in a situation that you felt unprepared like Brian?  
Describe it.

### Vocabulary

Word: turbulence (pg. 14)

Part of Speech:

Definition:

Sentence:

## Chapter 3

Describe the crash. 2 sentences

### Vocabulary

Word: horizon (pg. 25)

Part of Speech:

Definition:

Sentence:

## Chapter 4

Brian survived the crash. What do you think Brian needs to do in order to survive alone in the wilderness?

Brian is constantly thinking about the "secret". What happened to his parents?

### VOCABULARY

Word: hummock (pg. 37)

Definition:

Part of Speech:

Sentence:

## Chapter 5

Who is Mr. Perpich and how did he influence his students?

Brian goes through everything he has with him. What item do you think will be most important to his survival? Why?

At the end of the chapter what does Brian decide he needs to do?

### VOCABULARY

Word: asset (pg. 47)

Definition:

Part of Speech:

Sentence:

## Chapter 6

Brian uses his prior knowledge twice in this chapter. What are these two moments and where does his prior knowledge come from?

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### Vocabulary

Word: pulverized (pg. 53)

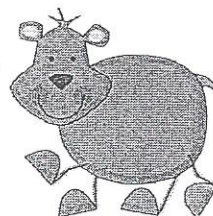
Definition:

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## Chapter 7

Why was Brian awakened so suddenly? What caused his pain?



What animal did Brian encounter while searching for berries? What was his reaction to the animal? Why didn't the animal attack him?

### Vocabulary

Word: crude (pg. 67)

Definition:

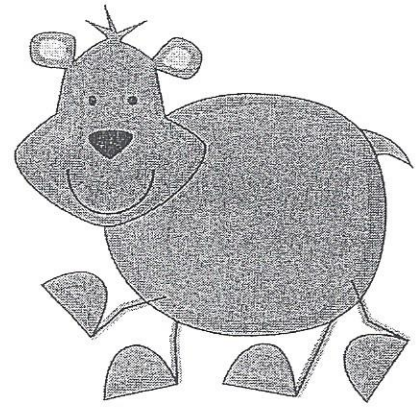
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# Bears, Bears, Bears!

By Jackie Barrs

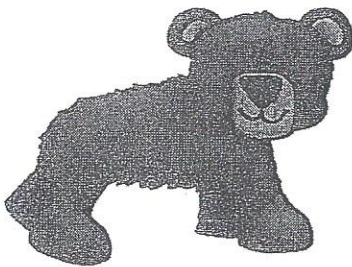


The American Black bear is the most common bear found in North America. There is estimated to be nearly 900,000 black bears through the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

## Color and Size

The fur coloring of a black bear can be quite deceiving, as not all black bears are black. Black bears can have blue-black fur, blue-grey fur, brown fur, and sometimes they can even have white fur! Black bears have many layers of shaggy fur which keeps them warm during the long, cold winter months.

Black bears usually grow to be about 5-6 feet long and can weigh between 200-600 pounds. Despite their size, they are capable of running up to 40 miles per hour.



## A Bear of an Appetite

Black bears are omnivores and eat a variety of foods. They eat grass, berries, acorns, and nuts. They will also eat fish and small animals such as deer. They are also known as opportunistic eaters, which mean they will eat whatever food they can find. It is important to clean up after yourself when you're in bear country—you wouldn't want to come back to find a bear hanging out at your campsite eating all your food!

## Moms and Their Young

Adult females give birth to two to three blind cubs during the winter months. They are only about 8 ounces when they are born, but quickly grow to 80 pounds by the time they reach their first birthday. Cubs stay with their mother for the first two years of their lives before they leave in search of their own area to live.

## Home, Sweet, Home

Black bears are most often found in the forests of North America. However, they also live in mountain ranges and swamps throughout the continent. Black bears usually roam a specific area, and it is best not to disrupt them. It is also important to note that black bears are great tree climbers.

During the winter months black bears make dens in caves or other sheltered spots. They stay in their dens for the majority of winter and feed off the body fat they stored up throughout the summer and fall months. Once spring arrives the bears start to become active again.

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## Chapter 8

Brian was attacked by a porcupine in his sleep. After this attack what does Brian realize is the most important rule to his survival in the wilderness?

What realization does Brian come to towards the end of the chapter?

### Vocabulary

Word: wincing (pg. 79)

Definition:

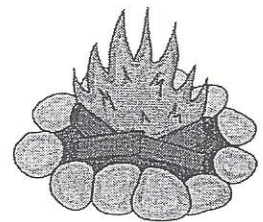
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## Chapter 9

What three things did Brian need to make fire?

Why did Brian consider the fire his friend?



### Vocabulary

Word: smoldered (pg. 84)

Definition:

Part of Speech:

Sentence:



# Porcupine

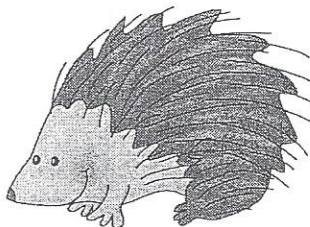
The porcupine is the prickliest of rodents. There are over two dozen species of porcupine which are found in North and South America, Europe, Africa, and Asia.

Porcupines have soft hair on their back, sides, and tail, but within that hair they have quills. These quills are sharp and are used to attack any predators. Quills range in length from 6 centimeters to over 30 centimeters. When a porcupine is threatened it attacks its predator. A porcupine loses its quills by close contact with the attacking animal. It does not shoot the quills like previously thought. Once an animal is attacked it can be very difficult to remove the quills because of their sharp tips and overlapping scales. When a porcupine loses its quills it will regrow new ones.

Porcupines found in North and South America are good climbers and spend most of their time in trees. The largest of all porcupines named the North American Porcupine and can be found in the United States and Canada. Porcupines eat natural bark, stems, and other woods. The North American porcupines also eat fruit and leaves.

Female porcupines have between one and four young. At birth the baby porcupines' quills are soft, but harden within several days. They are ready to live on their own within a few months. The average life span on a porcupine is 5-7 years.

By Jake Oliver



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## Chapter 10

What was Brian talking about when he said "he had never felt so rich somehow"? (pg. 95) 2 Sentences.

### Vocabulary

Word: ripples (pg. 100)

Definition:

Part of Speech:

Sentence:

## Chapter 11

Describe Brian's list of "things to do."

How did Brian hear differently now?

### Vocabulary

Word: depression (pg. 99)

Definition:

Part of Speech:

Sentence:

## Chapter 12

Why was Brian having such a hard time catching fish?

How would you feel if you were Brian after the plane flew away?

### Vocabulary

Word: persistent (pg. 109)

Definition:

Part of Speech:

Sentence:

## Chapter 13

Describe the new Brian. How is Brian different than when he first crashed?



What did Brian discover that helped him finally catch a fish?

### Vocabulary

Word: precise (pg. 118)

Definition:

Part of Speech:

Sentence:



## Chapter 14

Describe the mistake Brian made regarding his food.

How did he solve this problem?

### Vocabulary

Word: thrashing (pg. 125)

Definition:

Part of Speech:

Sentence:

## Chapter 15

What was the secret to catching the foolbird?

Tell of a time when you had to work really hard to accomplish something? How did you feel once you accomplished it?

### Vocabulary

Word: exasperated (pg. 130)

Definition:

Part of Speech:

Sentence:

# SKUNKS!

By: M. Nash

We often smell a skunk, but have you ever seen one? Skunks can be found in many parts of South and North America—including big cities and suburbs.

## The Basics

Skunks are relatively small animals. They grow to be about 15-18 inches long and only weigh 6-8 lbs. They are nocturnal animals which means they sleep during the day and are active at night. The average skunk lives for 2-3 years in the wild. Many skunks can be found in wooded areas and grasslands.

## A Familiar Smell

The smell of a skunk is probably what they are most known for. When a skunk feels threatened it will first lift its' tail and arch its' back to appear larger. If the predator does not leave, the skunk will turn around and spray the animal with an intense odor. The spray can reach up to ten feet away and can be smelled for nearly a one mile radius. The oily liquid of the spray stings the predators' eyes and allows time for the skunk to get away. Skunks can usually spray 5-6 times in their lifetime.



## Life in the Den

Skunks sleep in a den covered with leaves during the day. A den is a small enclosed place where an animal lives and sleeps—similar to a cave or nest. Skunks come out of their den at night to search for food. They eat fruit, plants, worms, eggs, reptiles, small mammals, and fish.





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## Chapter 16

Describe the moose attack at the lake.

What natural disaster struck Brian's campsite? How did Brian feel after?

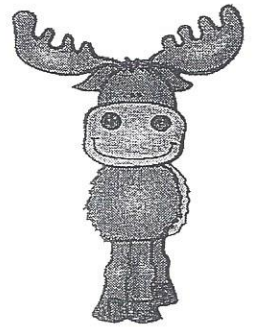
### Vocabulary

Word: hooves (pg. 141)

Definition:

Part of Speech:

Sentence:



## Chapter 17

Why did Brian build a raft? What did he go in search of?

Predict how you think Brian will get into the plane.

### Vocabulary

Word: stymied (pg. 156)

Definition:

Part of Speech:

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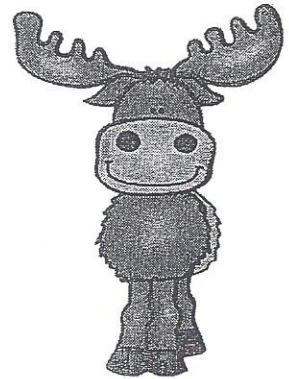


# All About Moose

Written by: T.A. Kelley

## Deer Family

The moose is the largest member of the deer family and one of the largest mammals in North America. A male moose can weigh up to 1,800 lbs. and stands nearly seven feet tall. Male moose grow antlers in late spring, early summer and usually shed them by November. All moose have a long, heavy face and their body is covered in short brown fur. The average life span of a moose is 15-20 years.



## Good Eats

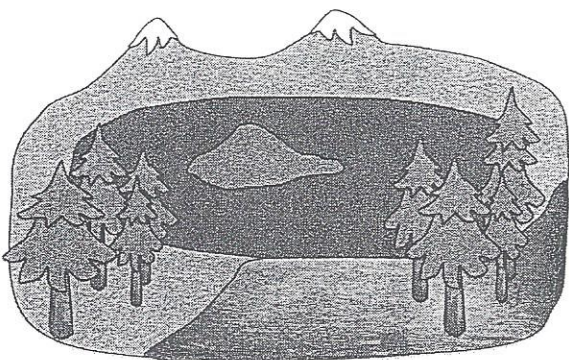
During the summer months, food is plentiful for the moose to eat. They eat high grasses, shrubs, and trees. Moose are herbivores, so they will not eat other animals. In the winter months moose use their hooves like snowshoes to dig under the snow for twigs, mosses, and lichens.

## Athletes

Despite their large size, moose are strong swimmers and runners. They are able to swim several miles at one time, and they are capable of staying under water for 30 seconds and can dive 5.5 meters. On land they can run up to 35 miles per hour, and they can trot steadily at 20 miles per hour.

## Home, Sweet, Home

Moose can be found throughout North America, including Alaska, Canada, and the northwest United States. Moose can also be found in Asia and Europe. They are often found near streams and fields of tall grass.



## The Dangers of Moose

The moose is not an animal you want to encounter in the wilderness. They are good fighters and capable of defending itself against small packs of animals. Male moose use their antlers in defense, so they can be very destructive and dangerous.

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## Chapter 18

What would happen to Brian if he lost his hatchet?

Describe how you would have felt if you were Brian after he had the survival pack in hand.

### VOCABULARY

Word: **substantial** (pg. 165)

Part of Speech:

Definition:

Sentence:

## Chapter 19

Explain what Brian found in the pack? Why did he feel so rich after opening it?

Describe how Brian was rescued.

### VOCABULARY

Word: **oblivious** (pg. 171)

Part of Speech:

Definition:

Sentence:

## Epilogue

Pretend you are Brian and you have just returned from the wilderness. A news station wants to interview you. In 5-6 sentences describe your experience.

## Vocabulary

Word: Immensely (pg. 179)

Definition:

Part of Speech:

Sentence: