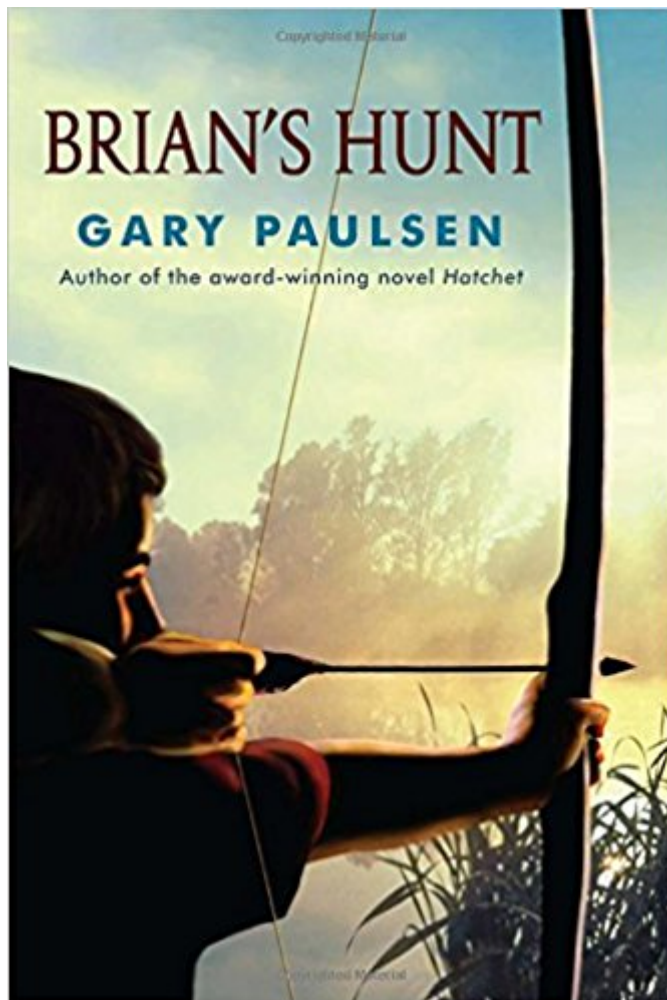


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# Brian's Hunt (A Hatchet Adventure)



## Synopsis

Brian sets out on the hunt of a lifetime in this follow-up to the award-winning classic *Hatchet* from three-time Newbery Honor-winning author Gary Paulsen! *•* Brian Robeson has stood up to the challenge of surviving the wilderness in *Hatchet*, *The River*, *Brian's Winter*, and *Brian's Return*. Now, while camping alone on a lake in the woods, he finds a wounded and whimpering dog. As Brian treats her wounds, he worries about who or what did this to her. His instincts tell him to head north, quickly, to check on his Cree friends. With his new companion at his side, he sets out on the hunt. *•* Gary Paulsen expertly delivers a riveting story that brilliantly combines two of his great themes: the human animal's place in nature, and the mysterious and wonderful bond between humans and dogs. *•* "The Brian books reveal nature and humankind's place in it with spare prose that seems ideally suited to the setting and plot." *•* VOYA *•* "Based on real incidents, this well-written sequel to *Hatchet* and its successors will be gobbled up by the author's legions of fans." *•* Kirkus Reviews Read all the *Hatchet* Adventures! *Brian's Winter* *The River* *Brian's Return* *Brian's Hunt*

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## Customer Reviews

The multitudes of Gary Paulsen fans (or more accurately, Brian fans) will be thrilled to find that the author has penned yet another story about Brian Robeson. Although Paulsen once claimed that he would "write no more about Brian," he seems to have been softened by the "staggering amounts of

mail from readers" begging for more about the teen who is more at home alone in the wilderness than in the hustle and bustle of city life. In Brian's Hunt, the 16-year-old returns to the remote woods and lakes of Canada, where he encounters a mysteriously injured dog. His experiences two years earlier, after surviving a plane crash and months alone with only a hatchet to protect and provide for himself (Hatchet, Brian's Winter, etc.), have prepared him well to survive now. But can anything prime him for the horror that awaits him on an island campsite where he intends to meet his Cree friends? This short episode is rife with the kind of gritty--even gruesome--details readers have come to expect from the Newbery Honor author. In an afterword, Paulsen reminds readers that he bases his stories on personal experiences and his extensive knowledge of the wild side of nature. Confidential to avid fans: an intimation of romance amid all the rugged drama hints that this will not be the last Brian book, either. (Ages 10 to 13) --Emilie Coulter --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 6-9-In an author's note, Paulsen explains why he decided to reopen the story first begun in Hatchet (Bradbury, 1987). In this short installment, Brian, now 16, is back in the wilderness and encounters a savagely wounded dog. He makes his way to the lake island home of the Cree man he met in Brian's Return (Delacorte, 1999), where he discovers the tragedy that led to the dog's liberation. David and his wife have been partially eaten by a bear, which necessitates the hunt mentioned in the title and described in the final chapter. Throughout, the protagonist frequently remembers events from his original stranding, alludes to the problems he had faced trying to return to "civilization," and ultimately explains the special arrangement by which he has returned to the "bush" instead of high school. Although the story does stand alone, these many references will make the audience want to read (or reread) the earlier books. This story is not as well developed as the other episodes but it is a must-read for the hordes of existing Hatchet fans out there, and it may also serve to draw some new readers into the fold. An afterword discusses bear behavior and Paulsen's experiences with these animals. Sean George, Memphis-Shelby County Public Library & Information Center, Memphis, TN Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This series got my 9-year-old daughter interested in reading. Great stories with just the right amount of child-appropriate danger and drama.

My 9 year old LOVED Hatchet so we bought him all the books by Gary Paulsen. He says they all

seem to follow the same literary "formula" just in different settings - winter, an island, etc but he loves the outdoors and adventure books so he enjoys them, despite their slight predictability.

Very popular series. Both my husband and his 11 year old granddaughter love them.

Great book, great service!

Best boy adventure book, gift well received

My 12 year old loves these books. Highly recommend

**STORY BRIEF:**This is book 5 in the series. Brian was 13 in the first book "Hatchet" when he survived a plane crash and the Canadian wilderness - alone for 54 days. In book 4, Brian is 15 and returns to the wilderness - with supplies to live there for a while. This book is later in that same trip or the next year. He is now 16. He catches fish and shoots game with a bow and arrow. He discovers an injured dog. He tends the dog's wounds. The dog becomes his companion. Brian travels to discover where the dog came from and what happened. He learns it was a bear which Brian then hunts.

**REVIEWER'S OPINION:**This wasn't as good as the earlier books. I listened to all of the earlier books as audiobooks. When I felt this not to be as good, I wondered if the others would have been less good by reading as opposed to listening. I would hope my reaction would be consistent, but there is the possibility that all of these are better "heard" than "read." I'm not sure. Anyway, this book was very short. It finished too soon. I wanted more. This book didn't have as many events, things happening, and things I learned as in the earlier books. It was pleasant because I liked being in Brian's wilderness world, but there was no "wow" the way earlier books were.

**OTHER BOOKS:**The author wrote many books, but the Hatchet series consists of:5 stars. Hatchet (read first)5 stars. Brian's Winter (read second or third but I prefer second)3 stars. The River (read second or third)4 stars. Brian's Return3 stars. Brian's Hunt

**DATA:**Story length: 103 pages. Swearing language: none. Sexual content: none. Setting: current day Canadian wilderness. Copyright: 2003. Genre: young adult adventure fiction.

I don't really like to read but when I read hatchet I loved it. Then I found out there was more so I read all of them. I don't want this to be the last of Brian so please make more. This book was great and so were the other books in the Brian Saga. Most people might not want more of Brian so. They

don't have to read them but lots of people like me want more. His life is great. And so much more can happen. So please don't end Brian.

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