

# STORIES OF

# Survival

Looking for a story about living off the land and using your wits to stay alive? Or maybe a story about staying alive while cast adrift on the wide ocean. If you answered “yes” to either question you may like the books on this list!



- Fic GRE      **Across the wide and lonesome prairie : the Oregon Trail diary of Hattie Campbell.** Gregory, Kristiana. New York : Scholastic, c1997.  
In her diary, thirteen-year-old Hattie chronicles her family's arduous 1847 journey from Missouri to Oregon on the Oregon Trail.
- Fic Key      **Alabama moon.** Key, Watt. 1st ed. New York : Farrar Straus Giroux, 2006.  
After the death of his father, ten-year-old Moon Blake is removed from the Alabama forest where he was raised and sent to a boy's home, where, for the first time, he has contact with the outside world and learns about friendship, love, and humanity.
- Fic Pau      **Brian's winter.** Paulsen, Gary. New York : Delacorte Press, 1996.  
Instead of being rescued from a plane crash, as in the author's book Hatchet, this story portrays what would have happened to Brian had he been forced to survive a winter in the wilderness with only his survival pack and hatchet.
- Fic Lon      **The call of the wild and White Fang.** London, Jack, 1876-1916. Bantam classic ed. New York : Bantam, 1981.  
The call of the wild is the story of a dog stolen from his home and taken into the Arctic north. White Fang is part dog, part wolf--first abused, then transformed by patience and affection.
- Fic Wil      **Danger along the Ohio.** Willis, Patricia. New York : Clarion Books, c1997.  
Lost in the Ohio River Valley in May 1793, twelve-year-old Clare and her two brothers struggle to survive in the wilderness and to avoid capture by the Shawnee Indians.
- FIC HER      **The great wide sea.** Herlong, Madaline. New York : Viking, 2008.  
Still mourning the death of their mother, three brothers go with their father on an extended sailing trip off the Florida Keys and have a harrowing adventure at sea.

- F Pau **Hatchet.**Paulsen, Gary. New York, N.Y. : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, [2000], c1987.  
Headed for Canada to visit his father for the first time since his parents' divorce, thirteen-year-old Brian is the sole survivor of a plane crash, with only the clothes he has on and a hatchet to help him live in the wilderness. .
- FIC SMI **Peak.** Smith, Roland, 1951-. Orlando, Fla. : Harcourt, c2007.  
A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.
- Fic Mik **Red midnight.** Mikaelson, Ben, 1952-. 1st ed. New York : HarperCollins Publishers/Rayo, c2002.  
After soldiers kill his family, twelve-year-old Santiago and his four-year-old sister flee Guatemala in a kayak and try to reach the United States.
- Fic Pau **The river.** Paulsen, Gary. New York : Delacorte Press, 1991.  
Because of his success surviving alone in the wilderness for fifty-four days, fifteen-year-old Brian, profoundly changed by his time in the wild, is asked to undergo a similar experience to help scientists learn more about the psychology of survival. Sequel to "Hatchet."
- Fic Dyg **River danger.** Dygard, Thomas J. New York : Morrow Junior Books, c1998.  
Although he reluctantly agrees to accompany his little brother on a canoe trip, eighteen-year-old Eric finally gains new respect for this younger sibling whose ingenuity rescues him.
- Fic Mik **Touching Spirit Bear.** Mikaelson, Ben, 1952-. 1st ed. New York : HarperCollins, c2001.  
After his anger erupts into violence, fifteen year-old Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the Native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.
- Fic Sme **The trap.** Smelcer, John E., 1963-. 1st ed. New York : Holt, 2006.  
In alternating chapters, seventeen-year-old Johnny Least-Weasel, who is better known for brains than brawn, worries about his missing grandfather, and the grandfather, Albert Least-Weasel, struggles to survive, caught in his own steel trap in the Alaskan winter.

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