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Mr. Tucket Macmillan

The government sends Brian back to the Canadian wilderness in this beloved follow-up to the award-winning classic *Hatchet* from three-time Newbery Honor-winning author Gary Paulsen! Two years after Brian Robeson survived fifty-four days alone in the Canadian wilderness, the government wants him to head back so they can learn what he did to stay alive. This time Derek Holtzer, a government psychologist, will accompany him. But a freak storm leaves Derek unconscious. Brian's only hope is to transport Derek a hundred miles down the river to a trading post. He's survived with only a hatchet before--now can Brian build a raft and navigate an unknown river? For the first time it's not only Brian's survival that's at stake. . . An IRA-CBC Children's Choice A Parents Magazine Best Book of the Year "Vividly written, a book that will, as intended, please the readers who hoped that

Paulsen, like Brian, would 'do it again.'" —Kirkus Reviews Read all the *Hatchet Adventures!* Brian's Winter The River Brian's Return Brian's Hunt *Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire* Laurel Leaf

Kevin doesn't mean to make trouble when he lies. He's just really good at it, and it makes life so much easier. But as his lies pile up, he finds himself in big—and funny—trouble with his friends, family, and teachers. He's got to find a way to end his lying streak—forever.

Hurricane Song Penguin

Discovering a magical pencil that imparts answers to her questions, Ava and her best friend, Sophie, learn the pencil's rules and become increasingly reliant on its replies until it reveals a scary truth about Ava's family. By the award-winning author of the *Marty McGuire* series. Crush Scholastic Inc.

Opening this book is like sitting down in a canoe, taking up a paddle, and gliding out into the summer beauty of a hidden lake. In this picture book that is as refreshing and inviting as a perfect canoe day, a fawn peeks out from the trees as ducklings fan out behind their mother. Butterflies pause and fish laze beneath the lily pads. Ruth Wright Paulsen's sunlit paintings and Gary Paulsen's poetic text capture all the peace and pleasure of a day when water and sky are one.

Family Ties Yearling

Readers met the comical Kevin in *Liar, Liar and Flat Broke*. Kevin gets serious about Tina Zabinski, the Most Beautiful Girl in the World. Finally, finally, he's worked up his courage—he's going to ask her out. Or will his trademark scheming get in his way? *Lawn Boy Returns* Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

The iconic anthology series of horror tales that's now a feature film! *More Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* is a timeless collection of chillingly scary tales and legends. Folklorist Alvin Schwartz offers up some of the most alarming tales of horror, dark revenge, and supernatural events of all time. Available for the first time as an ebook, Stephen Gammell's artwork from the original *More Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* appears in all its spooky glory. Read if you dare! And don't miss *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* and *Scary Stories 3*!

Field Trip HarperCollins

Hit the road with Bud in this Newbery Medal and Coretta Scott King Award-winning classic about a boy on a journey to find his father—from Christopher Paul Curtis, author of *The Watsons Go To Birmingham—1963*, a Newbery and Coretta Scott King Honoree. It's 1936, in Flint Michigan. Times may be hard, and ten-year-old Bud may be a motherless boy on the run, but Bud's got a few things going for him: 1. He has his own suitcase full of special things. 2. He's the author of *Bud Caldwell's Rules and Things for Having a Funner Life and Making a Better Liar Out of Yourself*. 3. His momma never told him who his father was, but she left a clue: flyers advertising Herman E. Calloway and his famous band, the Dusky Devastators of the Depression!!!!!! Bud's got an idea that those flyers will lead him to his father. Once he decides to hit the road to find this mystery man, nothing can stop him—not hunger, not fear, not vampires, not even Herman E. Calloway himself. "[A] powerfully felt novel." —The New York Times

Escape from Fire Mountain Ember

A father and son embark on a road trip to a distant animal shelter to save a homeless border collie puppy. By the acclaimed author of *Crush*; *Paintings from the Cave*; *Flat Broke*; *Liar, Liar*; *Masters of Disaster*; *Lawn Boy Returns*; *Woods Runner*; *Notes from the Dog*; *Mudshark*; and *Lawn Boy*.

Lemons Usborne Publishing Ltd

A Newbery Honor Book by the New York Times–bestselling author of *Northwind*. "A compelling description of farming in a bygone time." —Publishers Weekly ALA/YALSA Best Book for Young Adults ALA Notable Book for Children Judy Lopez Memorial Award for

Children's Literature Following the turn of the seasons, eleven-year-old Eldon traces the daily routines of his life on a farm and his relationship with his older brother Wayne. During the winter, with little work to be done on the farm, Eldon and Wayne spend the quiet hours with their family, listening to their Uncle David's stories. But Eldon soon learns that, although he has lived on the same farm, in the same house with his uncle for eleven springs, summers, and winters, he hardly knows him. "It is the palpable awareness of place and character that is unforgettable. Paulsen, with a simple intensity, brings to consciousness the texture, the smells, the light and shadows of each distinct season. He has penned a mood poem in prose." –School Library Journal "More a prose poem than a novel, this beautifully written evocation of a Minnesota farm perhaps 40 years ago consists of portraits of each of the four seasons, along with four brief stories told by old Uncle David." –Kirkus Reviews

All the Answers Wendy Lamb Books

Max is used to being called Stupid. And he is used to everyone being scared of him. On account of his size and looking like his dad.

Kevin is used to being called Dwarf. And he is used to everyone laughing at him. On account of his size and being some cripple kid. But greatness comes in all sizes, and together Max and Kevin become Freak The Mighty and walk high above the world. An inspiring, heartbreaking, multi-award winning international bestseller.

The River Chronicle Books

One day I was 12 years old and broke. Then Grandma gave me Grandpa's old riding lawnmower. I set out to mow some lawns. More people wanted me to mow their lawns. And more and more. . . . One client was Arnold the stockbroker, who offered to teach me about "the beauty of capitalism. Supply and Demand. Diversify labor. Distribute the wealth." "Wealth?" I said. "It's groovy, man," said Arnold. If I'd known what was coming, I might have climbed on my mower and putted all the way home to hide in my room. But the lawn business grew and grew. So did my profits, which Arnold invested in many things. And one of them was Joey Pow the prizefighter. That's when my 12th summer got really interesting.

Twerp Yearling

Award-winning novelist Carl Deuker creates a mystery-thriller against the backdrop of

high school football and the criminal underworld.

Vote Wendy Lamb

Now, at 14, Alex has a chance-maybe his last chance-to make a fresh start at his grandparents' farm. Robert Cormier had this to say about this ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant YA Readers: "There are no easy answers in Winifred Morris's highly readable novel *Liar*, which tells the truth about young Alex Shafer, troubled and in trouble-with the law, his school, his family. Hemmed in by the lies he is told and the lies he tells himself, Alex often does the wrong, heart-wrenching thing. But you'll find yourself cheering him on as the author captures all the desperations and desires of being young and hurting."

Bud, Not Buddy Wendy Lamb Books

For a rugged outdoor man and his family, life in northern Minnesota is a wild experience involving wolves, deer, and the sled dogs that make their way of life possible. Includes an account of the author's first Iditarod, a dogsled race across Alaska.

Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire Dragonfly Books

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*

Tracker Delacorte Press

Many readers of *Nightjohn* have wanted to know what happened to Sarny, the young slave whom *Nightjohn* taught to read. Here is Sarny's story, from the moment she leaves the plantation in the last days of the Civil War, suddenly a free woman in search of her sold-away children. Her search takes her to New Orleans and the home of the mysterious and remarkable Miss Laura. Like *Nightjohn*, Miss Laura changes Sarny's life, and she helps Sarny pass *Nightjohn*'s gift on to new generations. This riveting saga follows Sarny until her last days in

the 1930s and gives readers a panoramic view of America in a time of trial, tragedy, and hoped-for change.

Woodsong Yearling

When Miles's mother remarries, Miles decides to move to New Orleans to be with his father. But he and his father are very different—Miles's dad lives for jazz, while Miles's first love is football. Then Hurricane Katrina hits, and the two must seek refuge in the Superdome. What would normally be a dream come true for a football fan, this safe haven turns into a nightmare when the power fails and gangs take over. And when his father decides to rebel, Miles must make a choice that will alter their relationship—and their lives—forever.

Road Trip Yearling

1944. Wartime. A six-year-old boy goes to spend the summer with his grandmother Alida in a small town near the Canadian border. With the men all gone off to fight, the women are left to run the farms. There's plenty for the boy to do—trying to help with the chores, getting to know the dog, and the horses, cows, pigs, and chickens. But when his cousin Kristina goes into labor, he can't do a thing. Instead, the house fills with women come to help and to wait, and to work on a quilt together. This is no common, everyday quilt, but one that contains all the stories of the boy's family. The quilt tells the truth, past and future: of happiness, courage, and pain; of the greatest joy,

and the greatest loss. And as they wait, the women share these memorable stories with the boy.

Canoe Days Ember

Fourteen-year-old Kevin Spencer (the hero from Paulsen's "Liar, Liar" and "Flat Broke") impetuously announces that he will run for student body president, mainly to impress his girlfriend Tina. But he soon becomes excited about making a positive difference in his school and community.

Brian's Hunt Penguin

Kevin struggled to overcome his knack for lying in Liar, Liar, but now Kev is broke, and he's got to find a way to make money. He's in for another round of mayhem and misunderstandings in this financial comedy of errors. In Kevin, Gary Paulsen has created an appealing teen boy character who is just as human and fallible as his readers.