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**Lawn Boy** Scholastic Inc.

Gary Paulsen has owned dozens of unforgettable and amazing dogs, and here are his favorites--one to a chapter. Among them are Snowball, the puppy he owned as a boy in the Philippines; Ike, his mysterious hunting companion; Electric Fred and his best friend, Pig; Dirk, the grim protector; and Josh, one of the remarkable border collies working on Paulsen's ranch today. My Life in Dog Years is a book for every dog lover and every Paulsen fan--a perfect combination that shows vividly the joy and wisdom that come from growing up with man's best friend.

**Foxman** Simon and Schuster

A town boy sent to live on a remote wilderness farm forms a friendship with an elderly, disfigured man who teaches him many things.

*The Theory, Practice and Destructive Properties of Deception* Yearling

A critically acclaimed tearjerker from a master storyteller: On one side of the border is brutality and heartache; on the other side--a new life. 14yo Manny is an orphan in Juarez, Mexico. He competes with his bigger, meaner rivals for the coins American tourists throw off the bridge between Texas and his town. Across that heavily guarded bridge await a different world and a better existence. On the night when Manny dares the crossing--through the muddy shallows of the Rio Grande, past the searchlights and the border patrol--the young man encounters an old stranger who could prove to be an ally or an enemy. Manny can't tell for certain. But if he is to achieve his dream, then he must be willing to risk everything--even his life.

**A Novel of Pearl Harbor** Ember

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.

*The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod* Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Sent to live with relatives on their farm because of his unhappy home life, an eleven-year-old city

boy meets his distant cousin Harris and is given an introduction to a whole new world.

**Canyons** Wendy Lamb Books

During World War II, a little boy is sent to live with his grandmother, a cook in a camp for workers building a road through the wilderness.

**Surviving a Lost Childhood** Wendy Lamb

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.

**The Theory, Practice, and Destructive Properties of Love** Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)

From his 1776 Pennsylvania homestead, thirteen-year-old Samuel, who is a highly-skilled woodsman, sets out toward New York City to rescue his parents from the band of British soldiers and Indians who kidnapped them after slaughtering most of their community. Includes historical notes.

**Guts** Simon and Schuster

Longlisted for the National Book Award The Newbery Honor-winning author of Hatchet and Dogsong shares surprising true stories about his relationship with animals, highlighting their compassion, intellect, intuition, and sense of adventure. Gary Paulsen is an adventurer who competed in two Iditarods, survived the Minnesota wilderness, and climbed the Bighorns. None of this would have been possible without his truest companion: his animals. Sled dogs rescued him in Alaska, a sickened poodle guarded his well-being, and a horse led him across a desert. Through his interactions with dogs, horses, birds, and more, Gary has been struck with the belief that animals know more than we may fathom. His understanding and admiration of animals is well known, and in *This Side of Wild*, which has taken a lifetime to write, he proves the ways in which they have taught him to be a better person.

**Woods Runner** Laurel Leaf

Jacob Freisten's goal in life is to go about unnoticed. He's perfect at gliding past the jocks' lockers and sneaking into his English class. That was, until now. If Jacob wants to pass English, he must work for extra credit on the stage crew of the school production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Jacob, who is usually in a fog anyway, has the the job of running the fog machine. The problem is that Maria Tresser, the girl of his dreams, is cast as the Wicked Witch. Jacob's already made a fool of himself in front of Maria. How can he face her again?

**The Car** Hatchet

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.

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Road Trip Scholastic Inc.

Fourteen-year-old Terry Anders, left on his own, travels west in a kit car he built himself, and along the way picks up two Vietnam veterans, who take him on an eye-opening journey. Reprint.

**Liar, Liar** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

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.

**The Boy Who Owned the School** Simon and Schuster

Two boys, separated by the canyons of time and two vastly different cultures, face the challenges by which they will become men. Coyote Runs, an Apache boy, takes part in his first raid. But he is to be a man for only a short time. More than a hundred years later, while camping near Dog Canyon, 15-year-old Brennan Cole becomes obsessed with a skull that he finds, pierced by a bullet. He learns that it is the skull of an Apache boy executed by soldiers in 1864. A mystical link joins Brennan and Coyote Runs, and Brennan knows that neither boy will find peace until Coyote Runs' skull is carried back to an ancient sacred place. In a grueling journey through the canyon to return the skull, Brennan confronts the challenge of his life.

Puppies, Dogs, and Blue Northers Yearling Books

Two years after having survived a plane crash into the Canadian wilderness, a sixteen-year-old boy returns to the wild, where he befriends a wounded dog and hunts a rogue bear.

The Transall Saga Yearling Books

TODAY MOLLY Learned her wacky grandma was coming to spend the day at school with her; Lost her Notebook with Everything that Matters in it, including her homework; Got a black eye. Tore her skirt. And it's only 9 a.m. Could things get any worse? You bet!

**Brian's Hunt** Delacorte Books for Young Readers

Describes the life and accomplishments of the author known for his tales of adventure and survival, including "Hatchet" and "Dogsong."

*Gone to the Woods* Random House Digital, Inc.

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*.

**Sarny** Yearling

An award-winning debut novel from a stellar new voice in middle grade fiction. Matt Pin would like to forget: war torn Vietnam, bombs that fell like dead crows, and the terrible secret he left behind. But now that he is living with a caring adoptive family in the United States, he finds himself forced to confront his past. And that means choosing between silence and candor, blame and forgiveness, fear and freedom. By turns harrowing, dreamlike, sad, and triumphant, this searing debut novel, written in lucid verse, reveals an unforgettable perspective on the lasting impact of war and the healing power of love.

*The Cookcamp* Simon and Schuster

Paulsen and his team of dogs endured snowstorms, frostbite, dogfights, moose attacks, sleeplessness, and hallucinations in the relentless push to go on. Map and color photographs.