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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 5 Up—Paulsen recounts his escapades as an adventurous 13-year-old who believed that he and his friends could do anything, including wrestle a bear, ride a waterfall in a barrel, and hang glide with an Army surplus kite. Told with humor and a strong tall tale flavor, these accounts will have readers laughing aloud. Audio version available from Brilliance Audio. © Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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Gr. 6-9. Every boy who is 13 or about to be 13 or who remembers being 13 should read this short story collection based on people and events from Paulsen's own life. Even though the action takes place 50 or so years ago, they will recognize themselves. And every girl who has ever liked a 13-year-old-boy, or been related to one, or wondered about one, should read this, too, because although the book doesn't explain why boys like to do things like pee on electric fences, it does give an insight into how their funny little minds work. Writing with humor and sensitivity, Paulsen shows boys moving into adolescence believing they can do anything: wrestle with bears; shoot waterfalls in a barrel; fly eight-by-twelve-foot Army surplus kites--and hang on, even as they land in the chicken coop. None of them dies (amazingly), and even if Paulsen exaggerates the teensiest bit, his tales are side-splittingly funny and more than a little frightening. *GraceAnne DeCandido*

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Review

“These episodes will not only keep young readers, of both sexes, in stitches, they’re made to order for reading aloud.”—*Kirkus Reviews*, Starred

“The stories are fresh and lively and will especially appeal to reluctant middle-grade readers.”—*School Library Journal*, Starred

“This collection will likely hook adults as much as young readers.”—*Publishers Weekly*

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Megan Urick:

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