

Do you like action, adventure and risk taking? Well than Gary Paulsen's *Woods Runner* is the book for you. In the book, the main character, thirteen-year-old Samuel, has to become a man when he is faced with the challenge of rescuing his parents in the middle of the American Revolution. He has to make quick decisions and a daring rescue that could have led to his death. Surviving was his challenge, and he responded by taking action.

I like how Gary Paulsen makes every character interesting with their own goals and challenges. The Indians were one of his many enemies. He did not know who to trust but he was determined and stayed focus. He had to check around every corner and make sure he was safe.

Gary Paulsen is not afraid to make things more interesting. He gives a lot of detail and sometimes you feel like you are right there with the characters experiencing life through their eyes. When Samuel gets hit in the head with a tomahawk, I thought my head was about to fall off. It was gruesome but exciting at the same time

This action packed book is one of Gary's best books that I have read so far. It has inspired me to want to read more. Gary Paulsen's personal life story is also very inspiring and shows there are happy endings in real life. Read *Woods Runner* and you will not be disappointed.

Sincerely the best past 5th grader,

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"I really like *Woods Runner*. I was passionate about the book, and I enjoyed writing about it. I selected this writing piece because I enjoyed reading Gary Paulsen's books, and I am excited to share my love for *Woods Runner* with other people."