

Survival



Sperry, Armstrong, Call it courage. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c1968.

Summary: The story of how Mafatu's courage grew and how he returned from the sea exhausted in body, but strong and fearless in spirit.

Reading Level: 6.2

Call Number 398.2 SPE

Amis, Nancy. The orphans of Normandy : a true story of World War II told through drawings by children. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2003.

Summary: Relates how 100 young schoolgirls, many of them orphans, and their teachers managed to escape the chaos of the Allied invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944, by taking shelter in an iron mine for thirty-eight days and, after being forced out by the Germans, walking for twenty-nine days to reach safety behind Allied lines.

Reading Level: 4.5

Call Number 940.54 AMI

Anderson, Laurie Halse. Fever, 1793. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2000.

Summary: In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

Reading Level: 5.4

Call Number F AND

Cushman, Karen. Rodzina. New York : Clarion Books, c2003.

Summary: A twelve-year-old Polish American girl is boarded onto an orphan train in Chicago with fears about traveling to the West and a life of unpaid slavery.

Reading Level: 4.8

Call Number F CUS

Eckert, Allan W. Return to Hawk's Hill : a novel. Boston : Little, Brown, c1998.

Summary: Running away from a vicious trapper, seven-year-old Ben MacDonald is separated from his family and eventually ends up on the shores of Lake Winnipeg, where he is taken in by a tribe of Metis Indians.

Reading Level: 7.4

Call Number F ECK

Eckert, Allan W. Incident at Hawk's Hill. New York : Little, Brown, c1971.

Summary: A shy, lonely six-year-old wanders into the Canadian prairie and spends a summer under the protection of a badger.

Reading Level: 7.2

Call Number F ECK

Farley, Walter, The black stallion. New York : Random House, 2002.

Summary: Young Alec Ramsay is shipwrecked on a desert island with a horse destined to play an important part in his life. Following their rescue their adventure continues in America.

Reading Level: 5.2

Call Number F FAR

George, Jean Craighead, Julie of the wolves. New York : HarperCollinsPublishers, c1972.

Summary: While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.

Reading Level: 5.8

Call Number F GEO

George, Jean Craighead, My side of the mountain. New York : Dutton, c1988.

Summary: A young boy relates his adventures during the year he spends living alone in the Catskill Mountains including his struggle for survival, his dependence on nature, his animal friends, and his ultimate realization that he needs human companionship.

Reading Level: 5.2

Call Number F GEO

George, Jean Craighead, On the far side of the mountain. New York : Dutton Children's Books, c1990.

Summary: Sam's peaceful existence in his wilderness home is disrupted when his sister runs away and his pet falcon is confiscated by a conservation officer.

Reading Level: 4.5

Call Number F GEO

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Nory Ryan's song. New York : Delacorte Press, 2000.

Summary: When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive.

Reading Level: 4.3

Call Number F GIF

Hill, Kirkpatrick. Toughboy and Sister. New York : Puffin Books, 1992, c1990.

Summary: The death of their drunken father strands ten-year-old Toughboy and his younger sister at a remote cabin on the Yukon River where they spend a summer trying to cope with dwindling food supplies and hostile wildlife.

Reading Level: 4.8

Call Number F HIL

Hobbs, Will. Far North. New York : Morrow Junior Books, c1996.

Summary: After the destruction of their floatplane, sixteen-year-old Gabe and his Dene friend, Raymond, struggle to survive a winter in the wilderness of the Northwest Territories.

Reading Level: 5.3

Call Number F HOB

Hobbs, Will. Wild Man Island. New York : HarperCollins, c2002.

Summary: After fourteen-year-old Andy slips away from his kayaking group to visit the wilderness site of his archaeologist father's death, a storm strands him on Admiralty Island, Alaska, where he manages to survive, encounters unexpected animal and human inhabitants, and looks for traces of the earliest prehistoric immigrants to America.

Reading Level: 5.1

Call Number F HOB

Hyland, Hilary. The wreck of the Ethie. Atlanta : Peachtree, c1999.

Summary: Fictionalized account of the wreck of the steamship Ethie which occurred on the remote western coast of Newfoundland in December 1919 and in which the dog Skipper proved his heroism.

Reading Level: 5.8

Call Number F HYL

Kehret, Peg. The secret journey. New York : Pocket Books, c1999.

Summary: In 1834 when a storm at sea destroys the slave ship on which she is a stowaway, twelve-year-old Emma musters all her resourcefulness to survive in the African jungle.

Reading Level: 5.7

Call Number F KEH

Kehret, Peg. Earthquake terror. New York : Puffin Books, 1998.

Summary: When an earthquake hits the isolated island in northern California where his family had been camping, twelve-year-old Jonathan Palmer must find a way to keep himself, his partially paralyzed younger sister, and their dog alive until help arrives.

Reading Level: 4.6

Call Number F KEH

Mikaelsen, Ben, Red midnight. New York : HarperCollins, c2002.

Summary: 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.

Reading Level: 4.3

Call Number F MIK

Mikaelsen, Ben, Rescue Josh McGuire. New York : Hyperion Paperbacks for Children, 1993.

Summary: When thirteen-year-old Josh runs away to the mountains of Montana with an orphaned bear cub destined for laboratory testing, they both must fight for their lives in a sudden snowstorm.

Reading Level: 4.4

Call Number F MIK

Morpurgo, Michael. Kensuke's kingdom. New York : Scholastic, 2003.

Summary: When Michael is swept off his family's yacht, he washes up on a desert island, where he struggles to survive- until he finds he is not alone.

Reading Level: 4.7

Call Number F MOR

Morgan, Clay. The boy who spoke dog. New York : Dutton Children's Books, c2003.

Summary: After being marooned on an island near New Zealand, Jack, an orphaned cabin boy from San Francisco, becomes allied with a group of dogs who protect the local sheep from wild dogs.

Reading Level: 4.2

Call Number F MOR

O'Dell, Scott, Sarah Bishop. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, c1980.

Summary: Left alone after the deaths of her father and brother who take opposite sides in the War for Independence, and fleeing from the British who seek to arrest her, Sarah Bishop struggles to shape a new life for herself in the wilderness.

Reading Level: 4.9 7

Call Number F ODE

O'Dell, Scott, Island of the Blue Dolphins. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, c1990.

Summary: Records the courage and self-reliance of an Indian girl who lived alone for eighteen years on an isolated island off the California coast.

Reading Level: 5.4

Call Number F ODE

Orr, Wendy, Nim's island. New York : Dell Yearling, 2002.

Summary: Nim loves her island home and the animals she shares it with even while her scientist father is away doing research, but trouble is on the way and a new e-mail friend could be the only one who can help.

Reading Level: 5.8

Call Number F ORR

Paulsen, Gary. Hatchet. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c1987.

Summary: After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

Reading Level: 5.7

Call Number F PAU

Smith, Roland, Thunder cave. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, 1997, c1995.

Summary: Determined, after his mother's accidental death, to foil his stepfather's plans for his future, fourteen-year-old Jacob travels alone to Africa in search of his father, a biologist studying elephants in a remote area of Kenya.

Reading Level: 4.2

Call Number F SMI

Speare, Elizabeth George. The sign of the beaver. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, c1983.

Summary: Left alone to guard the family's wilderness home in eighteenth-century Maine, a boy is hard-pressed to survive until local Indians teach him their skills.

Reading Level: 4.9

Call Number F SPE

Steig, William, Abel's island. New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1985, c1976.

Summary: Castaway on an uninhabited island, Abel, a very civilized mouse, finds his resourcefulness and endurance tested to the limit as he struggles to survive and return to his home.

Reading Level: 5.9

Call Number F STE

Taylor, Theodore, The cay. New York : Delacorte, 1987.

Summary: After a shipwreck, an adolescent white boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old black man are stranded on a tiny Caribbean island where the boy acquires a new kind of vision, courage, and love from his old companion.

Reading Level: 5.3

Call Number F TAY

Taylor, Theodore, Timothy of the cay. San Diego : Harcourt Brace, c1993.

Summary: After being blinded and shipwrecked on a tiny Caribbean island, twelve-year-old Phillip is rescued and hopes to regain his sight with an operation.

Reading Level: 5.0

Call Number F TAY

Voigt, Cynthia. Homecoming. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 1981.

Summary: Abandoned by their mother, four children begin a search for a home and an identity.

Reading Level: 4.4

Call Number F VOI

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