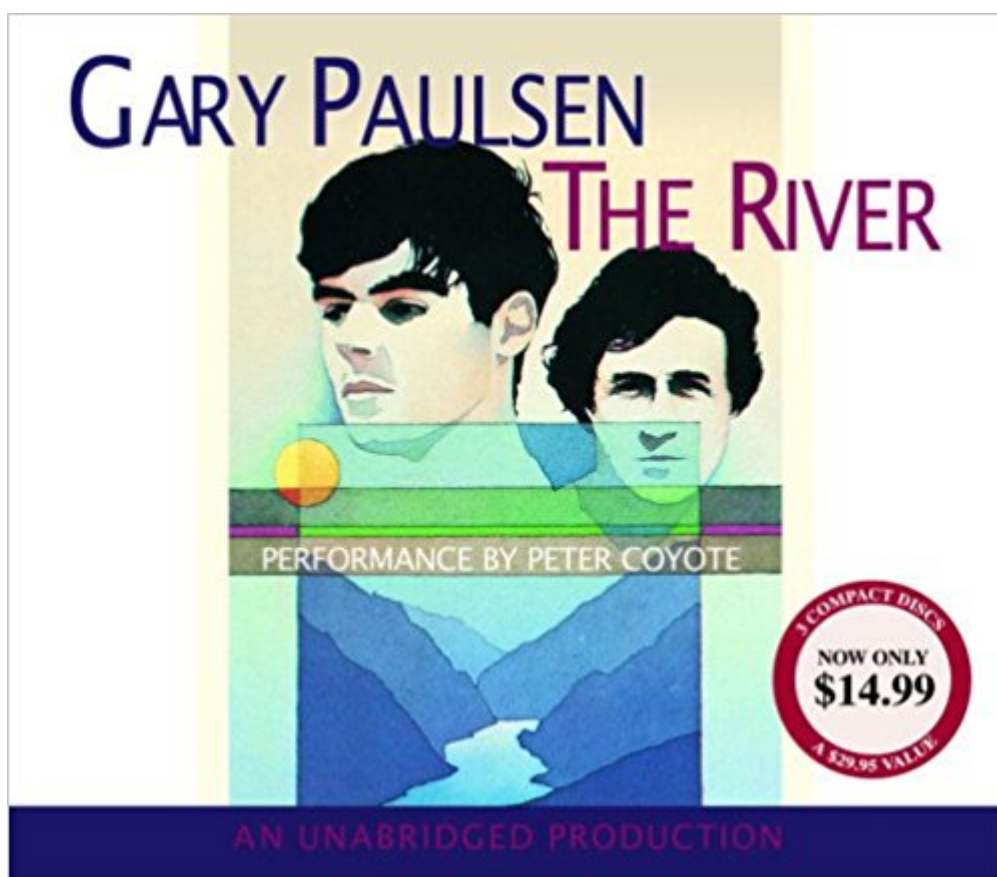


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# The River



## Synopsis

"We want you to do it again." These words, spoken to Brian Robeson, will change his life. Two years earlier, Brian was stranded alone in the wilderness for 54 days with nothing but a small hatchet. Yet he survived. Now the government wants him to go back into the wilderness so that astronauts and the military can learn the survival techniques that kept Brian alive. Soon the project backfires, though, leaving Brian with a wounded partner and a long river to navigate. His only hope is to build a raft and try to transport the injured man a hundred miles downstream to a trading post--if the map he has is accurate.

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## Customer Reviews

Review - The Brain Sagas by Gary PaulsenI have now finished all five of the Brian Sage books - âœHatchet,â • âœThe River,â • âœBrianâ™s Winter,â • âœBrian's Returnâ • and âœThe Hunt.â • and the epilogue âœGutsâ • by Gary Paulsen. âœThe Hatchetâ • is one of three Newberry Awards that Gary Paulsen has earned. Basically the series is one story. The story of an teenage boy who at age 13 is left alone in the North Woods of Canada due to a pilotâ™s fatal heart attack and plane wreck. The first book, âœThe Hatchetâ • tells of the guts, intelligence, patience and luck of a 13 year old boy with little wilderness experience in learning how to live and survive in a remote wilderness. We get a marvelous set of instructions in wilderness lore and living, and a glimpse into an intelligent mind that problem solves, learns and masters a strange world. At the end of this book

Brian retrieves a signal radio from the submerged plane and is rescued. In *Brian's Winter* is an alternate ending. Brian is not rescued, but manages to learn more and survive into December. We see more of Brian's talents and abilities and new found skills. Here, Brian stumbles into a family of Cree Native Americans manning a trap line, who take him in. Brian flies out on the next supply plane. The Cree family consider him like one of the "old people" for Brian is dressed in skins he has captured and his arrows have stone points he has made himself. Yes, some of the story is very fortuitous for Brian, but that does not distract from the lessons of the wilderness and the lessons of life Brian has to learn to survive. *The River* is a book with Brian returning to the North Woods with a psychologist, Derek, of the military attempting to learn how to teach survival to the military.

"He saw the blueness, almost a ball of energy, the crack-flash of color that came from inside his mind, inside his life, and then he was back and down and saw nothing more." You may never know when there will be a day where you're stranded on an island with no one around, you have yourself and Mother Nature with you, that's it. *The River* is a book that has to do with survival; Brian Robeson was alone with Mother Nature itself for fifty-four days with a small hatchet from his mother. Luckily Brian overcame the wilderness and survived. The U.S. Government has contacted Brian to help teach the military and astronauts to survive the way he did. The only problem is he has to go back and face the wilderness again like he did once before. Derek Holtzer, a government psychologist, will join Derek and take notes for survival skills during the trip. The Government provides Brian and Derek with equipment for the trip. Brian, knowing his instincts and survival skills, threw all the equipment away except for the radio for emergency uses. Derek, agreeing with Brian, is struck by lightning one night as well as the radio Brian was holding. Brian, healthy and up the following morning, is troubled when he finds Derek in a coma and doesn't know what to do since the radio fried up during the storm. Brian doesn't have his hatchet beside him now, he's alone and he has to find help fast. *Hatchet*, one of the greatest books of all time, has found a rival in my opinion. *The River*, being adventurous and also being the sequel of *Hatchet*, has had many controversies between my sister and me. I believe this book is on my top five greatest books ever read for me because the book delivers tips and strategies for surviving in the wild while keeping a story line thorough to make it interesting.

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