Hatchet

The story is about Brian Robeson. He is a weak and small boy. His parents are separated, and he knows why, but his father doesn’t. The story starts takes place in a plane on the way to Alaska. He is thinking about his mother, which sent with him a hatchet. The pilot lets him drive for a moment, just for fun, but then the pilot gets a heart-attack, and Brian has to drive. The plane runs out of fuel, after a long time of driving, but then he is long from the ordinary route. When the plane crashes, it falls out in a lake, and Brian swims to the surface and drags himself up from the water. He is laying in the waterline for two days, just sleeping. When he wakes up, he has this insane pain in his legs. After a vile, he manages to walk, and starts thinking of what he has left from the crash. The hatchet is the only thing he has that can help him. Then he starts looking for a place to live. He walks around the lake, which he crashed in. He finds this hole in the ground, under a rock, that he uses for a home, but he is always hoping to that someone will come and rescue him. He walks to look for some food, and runs over some berries. Then puts himself to sleep. The next day, he wakes up whit this pain. It is so huge that he has never experienced anything like it. He stops eating berries in so huge amounts as he did yesterday, but then he finds raspberries. He also finds out that he can drink from the lake. At that night, he gets attacked by a hedgehog. That teaches him, that he has to get some protection for his house. Next day, he thinks of getting a fire going, and that he can do it by hitting a stone whit his hatchet. This is first a problem, but then he tries a different ways, using small pieces of wood. He starts changing, looking at things in a different way. For food, he starts thinking about fish. He uses one day, making a spear, but it doesn’t work. Then he makes a bow and some arrows. This works, and he manages to get a couple of fish. That night, he is attacked by a skunk, and he spent several days trying to make the smell disappear. He wants to have some meat, and after a long time of hunting, he manages to kill a bird. He picks of the feathers, and uses them on the arrows. Then a moos cow attacks him, and he breaks one of his ribs. This has consequences for getting food, but that is not his worst problem now. A storm comes, and it blows away everything he has, except the hatchet.

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I mean this it is a good and exiting book, for those who like reading about living in the wild. It sometimes was a bit much nature description, and description of what Brian did, but that is maybe something you have to expect. The author used the looking back literary mean. In the summary I did not menschen it, but a plane passes by him, and it does not see Brian. This makes him change to, but then you leave him a couple of days, and when you are back, he is looking back on what he did. The author also uses the repeating mean, when he is saying mistakes a lot.