

# HATCHET

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"Plausible, taut, this survival story is a spellbinding account." —*Kirkus* (starred review)

Thoughts of his parents' divorce fill Brian Robeson's head as he flies in a single-engine plane to visit his father in the Canadian wilderness. When the pilot suffers a massive heart attack and dies, Brian must somehow land the plane by himself and then, left with only the clothes he is wearing and a hatchet he received from his mother as a parting gift, Brian must put thoughts of his past behind him and try to figure out how he can stay alive...

"A heart-stopping story...something beyond adventure, a book that plunges readers into the cleft of the protagonist's experience." —*Publishers Weekly*

A Newbery Honor Book  
An ALA Notable Book  
*Booklist* Editor's Choice

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BRIAN ROBESON stared out the window of the small plane at the endless green northern wilderness below. It