

# Wilderness Survival

## Read-Aloud Chapter Books

**Exciting tales of survival, self-reliance, and high adventure.**

If you enjoy adventure stories by Gary Paulsen, Scott O'Dell, Theodore Taylor and Jean Craighead George, try these books suggested by Rob Reid in *Book Links*, November 2007.



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***Blind Mountain*** by Jane Resh Thomas (**J F Tho**)

Unsure of himself and annoyed at having to spend a day climbing a Montana mountain with his bossy father, twelve-year-old Sam must become the guide on their perilous journey down when his carelessness temporarily blinds his father.

***Paint the Wind*** by Pam Muñoz Ryan (**J F Rya**)

After her overprotective grandmother has a stroke, Maya, an orphan, leaves her extremely restricted life in California to stay with her mother's family on a remote Wyoming ranch, where she discovers a love of horses and encounters an earthquake while searching a canyon for their horses.

***A Week in the Woods*** by Andrew Clements (**J F Cle**)

The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to a teacher who seems out to get him.

***Overboard*** by Elizabeth Fama (**J F Fam**)

Escaping from a sinking ferry in the waters off Sumatra, fourteen-year-old Emily fights for survival for herself and a young Indonesian boy, who draws courage from his quiet but firm Islamic faith.

***Alabama Moon*** by Watt Key (**J F Key**)

After the death of his father, ten-year-old Moon leaves their forest shelter home and is sent to an Alabama institution, becoming entangled in the outside world he has never known and making good friends, a relentless enemy, and finally a new life.

***Death Mountain*** by Sherry Shahan (**J F Sha**)

While traveling to visit the mother she has not heard from in almost a year, Erin and another teenage girl become lost in the rugged Sierra Nevada mountains and must struggle for six days to survive.

***A Girl Named Disaster*** by Nancy Farmer. (**J F Far**)

While fleeing from Mozambique to Zimbabwe to escape an unwanted marriage, Nhamo, an eleven-year-old Shona girl, struggles to escape drowning and starvation and in so doing comes close to the luminous world of the African spirits.

***The Trap*** by John Smelcer (**J F Sme**)

In alternating chapters, seventeen-year-old Johnny Least-Weasel, who is better known for brains than brawn, worries about his missing grandfather, and the grandfather, Albert Least-Weasel, struggles to survive, caught in his own steel trap in the Alaskan winter.

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