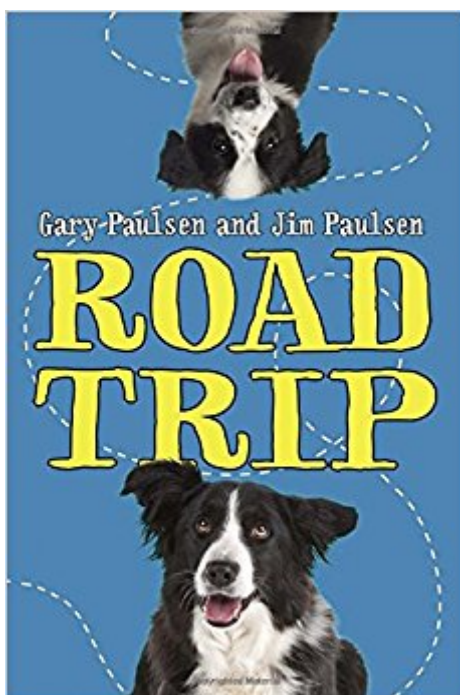


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Road Trip



Synopsis

A summer adventure you'll never forget, from a beloved Newbery Honor winning author! Dad and Ben haven't been getting along lately, and Dad hopes a road trip to rescue a border collie will help them reconnect. But Ben is on to Dad's scheme, and he's got ideas of his own. Like inviting his buddy, Theo, who's sure to get into fun (and trouble) along the way. And if Dad wants a family road trip, then the family dog, Atticus, should get to come, too. What could go wrong? But when their truck breaks down, the family trip takes plenty of unexpected turns. Before they know it, they've commandeered an old school bus and joined forces with its cranky mechanic, Gus. Next, they pick up Mia, a waitress escaping a tense situation. Only sharp-eyed Atticus realizes that Theo is on the run from something bad—and someone is following them. With alternating chapters from both Ben and his dog, Atticus, this fast-paced book takes readers on an unpredictable ride that's all about family, friendship, and surprises.

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Customer Reviews

The prolific Paulsen has teamed up with his son in this story about a life-changing journey for 14-year-old Ben and his family. When Ben's dad drags him along for a trip to adopt another rescued border collie, they bring Atticus, their beloved canine who already thinks he's a human

member of the family. Atticus gives his own perspective on their progress at the end of each of Ben's first-person narrated chapters. They're also joined by a motley crew made up of a thuggish yet reform-minded teen, an aura-reading waitress, and a macho auto mechanic. En route, they transfer to a school bus, put out a car fire, drag race with cops, and evade some bad guys, all while documenting the adventure for Facebook. Ben's realistic introspection, actions, and reactions along the way show that he and his parents have gone down some rough roads before, but this trip promises to be a positive fresh start for everybody. With its quick pace, straightforward plot, and focus on dogs, this novel is sure to have reluctant-reader appeal. Grades 3-7. --Andrew Medlar --This text refers to the Audio Cassette edition.

Starred Review, Publishers Weekly, November 26, 2012: "The authors score on all fronts: they set an entertainingly frenzied pace, provide twists aplenty, create true dialogue that blends humor and pathos, and bring together a close-knit ensemble."

My 10-year-old son first read this book last summer (at age 9) and has returned to it again this summer. I think we all loved it more second time around--or maybe the year in age made the difference for my son. Charming, mostly feel-good story with some working class language and humor (e.g., from an auto mechanic). Some mature-ish themes (a couple of hard luck teenagers who have made some bad choices; parents who don't agree on everything), but on the whole a story with a lot of heart--and a couple of great dogs, to boot. Not standard, saccharine kids fare. Most stories like this (rough around the edges characters with mature-ish themes) have a girl as the main character (The Higher Power of Lucky, Because of Winn Dixie). I'm glad this one led with a boy.

This is a good read but his survival books were much better. Recommend for teenagers.

Although short and refreshingly sweet, this novelette has appeal for everyone. It's even a good read aloud book for the very young. There's also enough drama and suspense for oldsters.

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I purchased these books for our grandchildren. I read ROAD TRIP and really enjoyed it and would recommend it to other Middle School students. Gary Paulsen is an excellent author. Besides, who

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such fun but then what book with a dog on the cover wouldn't be?

Always like Paulsen. This story is a little different but a good story all the same. As story gets going an unlikely group joins the trip resulting in some twists and turns. Easy read.

My son liked hearing the dog's thoughts. He got a kick out of it. Short, good summer read for him. He's entering 6th.

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