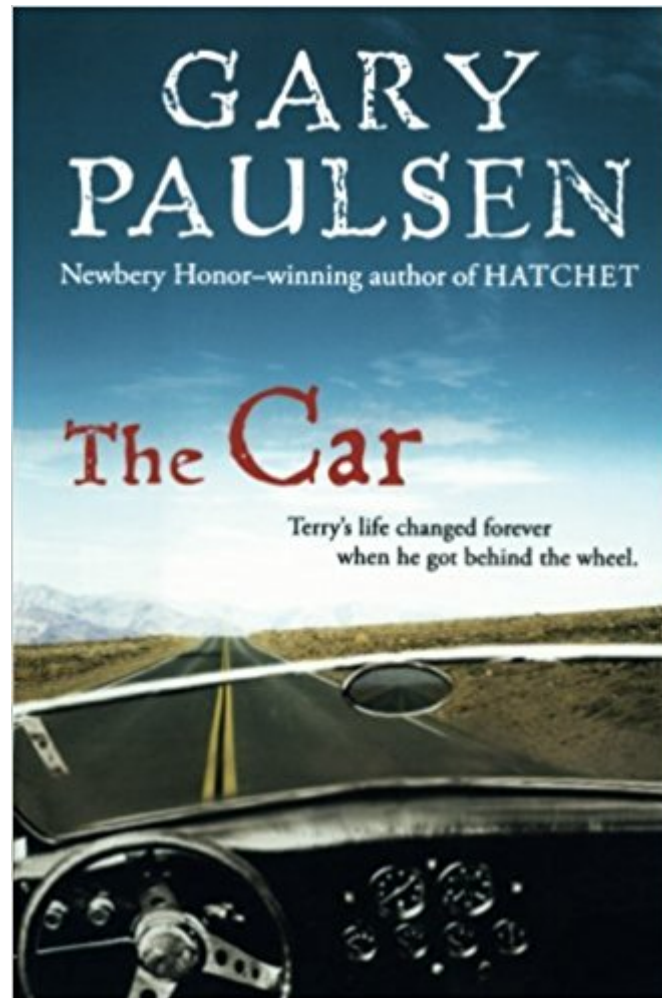




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The Car



Synopsis

Neglected by his parents, fourteen-year-old Terry Anders is used to taking care of things on his own. He even manages to assemble a car kit by himself. When the car is finished, Terry sets off from Cleveland to Portland in search of an uncle he barely remembers. Along the way, he is joined by a wise Vietnam vet who turns his journey into an adventure in learning. Each book includes a reader's guide.

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Customer Reviews

In a starred review, PW praised the Newbery Honor author for "his ability to create flesh-and-blood characters" in this story about a 14-year-old who sets out on a road trip and meets up with a Vietnam vet. Ages 12-up. Another Paulsen title, *Dancing Carl*, is being released simultaneously by Aladdin; \$3.95 ISBN 0-689-80410-5. Ages 9-12. (Oct.) qCopyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Grade 6-9-Used to being ignored, Terry, 14, is now alone. His parents have abandoned their marriage, not realizing that they each made the decision at the same time. Armed with a great set of tools, some experience with engines, and a detailed set of instructions, he works night and day on a

kit car that his father had begun to assemble in the garage. When the little convertible is complete, he decides to drive from Cleveland to Oregon, where an uncle lives. On the outskirts of town, heavy rain forces him to the roadside. There he is joined by the Shakespeare-quoting Waylon, who is seeking shelter from the storm. The Vietnam vet convinces Terry to let him ride along, and later they are joined by Waylon's army buddy, who rides a Harley Davidson. This curious trio tours the West, encountering hostile rednecks, residents of a religious commune, and a history-teaching hermit, among others. This novel features a simple plot and an easy-to-read text; an intense young boy on his own; and the unmistakable message that one must always continue to learn if one is going to survive. The characters are familiar, and to a degree predictable, but they will be interesting to YAs. Excluding several segments on engines, the action is brisk. Paulsen fans will enjoy the book; those with an interest in cars will love it. Tim Rausch, Crescent View Middle School, Sandy, UT Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

This is a great book. My son really liked Hatchet and was looking for other books by the author. I read it first before allowing my son to read because it does require a little maturity but also inspires some maturity and a more worldly view. If you want your kid coddled and be ignorant of any bad things until older you might want to stick to the vanilla books of insignificant comedy that is most of what is available to kids.

Good book that held my attention. Can't go wrong with Gary Paulsen. Would recommend the book, but not my favorite of Paulsen's. Felt, at times, the book rushed through the story line not giving the reader enough time to really learn about the characters.

It's a really good book that I can relate to read it when I was in Middle School and never got to finish it but I finally found it and read it and still good just wish that they would of had a different ending or made another book from the ending

LOOOVE Gary Paulsen and this book, The Car, is no exception. Got it for a car trip and realized I bought 'eBook' and not 'audio book.' Opps. Either way a great read for middle school and up but the whole family will like it. Read his other books too. Hatchet is my son's all time favorite book.

I first read this book when I was a teenager, I loved it so much I have bought it as an adult. A great read for teenagers. It has cars, motorbikes and assassins. It is a dream of what a teenager wishes

they could do. No parents, build a car, go for a road trip and meet some interesting people

My 13 year old loves it.

A book from my childhood that I remember finding in a library. I finally went back and purchased this to re-read once again. Good for car guys or guys who like adventure.

If you are raising boys or need a boy gift, Gary Paulsen's books are superb. My son has read almost everything he has written. Excited to give this book as a gift.

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