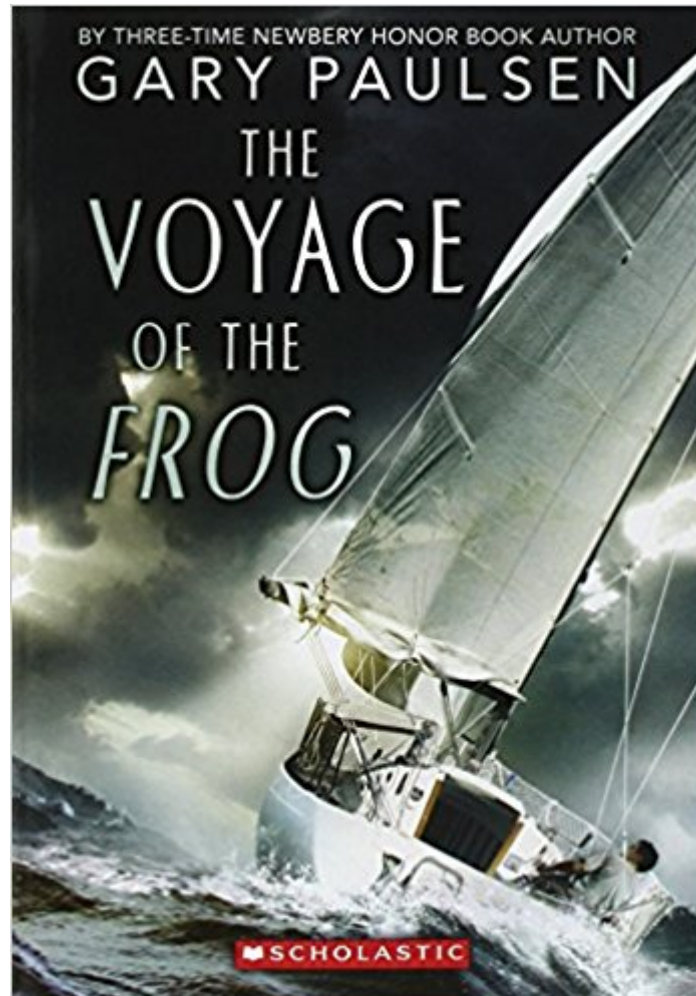




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The Voyage Of The Frog (Apple Signature)



Synopsis

This adventure novel about survival at sea by Newbery Honor author Gary Paulsen is now available in an After Words paperback edition! David thought he was alone, that the ocean around him was all there was of the world. The wind screamed, the waves towered, and his boat, the twenty-two foot fiberglass FROG, skidded and bucked and, each moment, filled deeper and grew heavier with sea water. David thought surely he was dead at fourteen. His uncle Owen, who had taught him about sailing safely, would be so angry. Owen had died only days ago, his last wish for David to take the FROG out on his own, and sail her beyond sight of the coast, and once there scatter Owen's ashes.

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Customer Reviews

Paulsen's admirers will be satisfied with his latest survival story, this time set in the open sea. The author ranges through his accustomed territory, focusing on both the actual aspects of the voyage and the wisdom brought on by one boy's isolation in the elements. David Alspeth, 14, sails into the Pacific on the 22-foot Frog to scatter the ashes of the boat's owner, his beloved uncle Owen. A freak storm leaves David adrift for days in which he encounters sharks, a near-collision with a tanker, and the awful dragging loneliness of sitting in a becalmed boat. In that tedium, however, the boy finds a relationship with the boat and the elements themselves, and when the wind returns

David discovers how far he has traveled (in more than miles). A unexpected, affirmative ending closes this middle-grade book with one boy's finally knowing where he's been, and where he might be going. Ages 11-13. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 6-9 Paulsen gives young readers another wonderful survival story. Fourteen-year - old David Alspeth's uncle Owen has died of a rapidly spreading cancer, but not before bequeathing David his sailboat and extracting the promise that David will, alone, scatter Owen's ashes at sea. Setting off without checking the weather and his supplies, David is caught in a freak storm that pushes him 350 miles from his home harbor in Ventura, Calif. Once again Paulsen gives double meaning to survival: David not only survives his nine-day ordeal at sea, but he also learns to survive his uncle's death. The concurrent experiences awaken self-assurance and growth as well. The spare, dramatic style aptly conveys David's feelings and evokes the simultaneous beauty and danger of the open ocean. Readers will have a real sense of participation, and will be left hungry for more when the book concludes with David's finally connecting with people yet refusing their help that would mean leaving the Frog behind. As the book ends, David, with new supplies, sets off alone on his voyage home. Paulsen's knowledge of the sea and sailing is obvious. A black-and-white diagram of the boat and a map of the voyage supplement the story. Readers will find this book very hard to put down. Connie Tyrrell Burns, Mahoney Middle School, South Portland, Maine Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is typical writing from Gary Paulsen: an exciting struggle between a young boy and the forces of nature. Think of Hatchet but at sea. Recommended.

Used it as reading assignment for my 8th grade class. I grew up in Ventura so I could add pictures and personal experiences which made it more fun.

My son has read several of Gary Paulsen's books. He liked it, but didn't love it.

excellent

Gives kids a sense of self desire to figure things out themselves. This book is the reason I sail to this day. I love it as much as Mr. Paulsen does.

Good story. Lots of information about sailing.

Very boring book.

Bought this book for instructional use with middle school students. They are really enjoying it. It is well-written and provides for great discussions. This is one of the classic, well-written Paulsen novels.

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