## EXTREME ADVENTURE FICTION



## MRS. ROSEN'S TOP PICKS!

Chomp by Carl Hiaasen: Another great story from the author of Hoot, Scat, and Flush. Wahoo Cray is on location with his dad in the Everglades for a reality show called "Expedition Survival". When the incompetent star of the show gets bitten by a bat and lost in a storm, the search party is soon lost as well, Who will survive?

Shipwreck Island: Book 1 by Gordan Korman: Luke and his friends didn't want to be on the boat in the first place, stuck at sea with a bunch of strangers. But in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, there's no easy way out. When a terrifying storm hits, it's all about survival.

Wild Life by Cynthia DeFelice: Erik is preparing for his first hunting trip when his parents are deployed to Iraq. He is then shipped off to North Dakota to live with his grandparents. When Erik rescues a dog that he isn't allowed to keep, he runs away, certain that they can make it on their own out on the prairie.

The Storm Runners (series) by Roland Smith: Twelve-year-old Chase Masters travels the country with his father, a "storm runner," but he is tested in ways he never could have imagined when he and a new friend are caught in a hurricane near St. Petersburg, Florida.

*Trap* by John Smelcer: Johnny Least-Weasel's stubborn grandfather Albert has run traplines in the harsh Alaskan wilderness alone for the past 60 years. When Albert doesn't return from checking his traps, Johnny must make difficult decisions to save him.

Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo: A perfect family sailing adventure goes terribly wrong when Michael is swept overboard. He washes up on an island where he struggles to survive. But soon, he discovers that he's not alone.

A Week in the Woods by Andrew Clements: What do you do when you think your teacher hates you? On a school camping trip, Mark and the teacher argue, then both find themselves in danger. To survive, they must work together.

*Never Say Die by Will Hobbs:* Will Hobbs brings his exciting style to this story about two brothers fighting for survival in the Canadian wilderness against a mutant bear! Don't miss this one!

The Journal of Scott Pendleton Collins: Walter Dean Myers A seventeen-year-old soldier from central Virginia records his experiences in a journal during the D-Day invasion of Normandy and subsequent battles to liberate France.

**Novelist K-8** is a powerful online reading resource available to all Hanahau'oli families. Search for your favorite book titles and find "read-alikes," or customize your search. Once you log on, click on the purple box on the right, **How to use Novelist** for an introduction. Here are instructions for searching for survival stories at <a href="http://search.ebscohost.com/">http://search.ebscohost.com/</a>

- 1. User ID: Bell Password: Library
- 2. Select "Novelist K-8"
- 3. In the "Find" field type "Survival Fiction" then select "older kids" then click "go"
- 4. *Hatchet* and other Gary Paulsen books are listed under "teens" so you can broaden the search by selecting teens. Be aware, however, that some of those books have more mature themes.
- 5. Check out the recommended reading lists on the left side and customize your search according to age and genre. Have Fun!

## Authors of multiple titles. Check out their websites!

George, Jean Craighead: Julie series and many others

Hobbs, Will: Leaving Protection, Far North Korman, Gordon: Island Series Paulsen, Gary: Hatchet, Francis Tucket

Series, Woods Runner

## Websites to check out:

- http://tinyurl.com/brgcps8 An incredible site! Check out the list called "At least one explosion"!
- http://tinyurl.com/cf8acjj A great list from James Patterson's website, Read Kiddo Read!
- http://tinyurl.com/buo8mvy A nice, annotated list of adventure stories for grades 3 and up.
- http://tinyurl.com/coyw88a 50 books about survival from the Cooperative Children's Book Center.