Hatchet
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Hatchet
Main Character

Brian Robeson

Other Characters:

Brian's Mother

"The Secret" boyfriend

Brian's Father

Pilot: Jake or Jim
Chapters

1 - 4
Brian Robeson is 13 years old.

Brian's parents are divorced.
Brian lives with his mother in New York.

Brian will visit his father in Canada.
Brian is mad at mother.

Brian's mother has a "Secret".
Brian knows his mother's secret.

She has a boyfriend.
She divorced Brian's father because of the secret boyfriend.
Brian will fly to visit his father.
Before leaving, Brian's mother gives a present. The present is a hatchet.
The pilot teaches Brian to fly.

Brian learns a little.
While flying the pilot has a heart attack and dies.
Brian calls for help on the CB radio. The CB radio is broke.
Brian tries to fly but it hard.

He crashed the plane into a lake.
Brian swims away from the sinking plane.

Brian has only hatchet on his belt.
Brian is stranded and injured in the Canadian woods.
Chapters

5 - 8
Brian is alone and needs to find food and shelter.
Brian found some berries and ate them.

The berries were bad.
A day later he found raspberries and those were very good.
Brian uses hatchet to make tools.

The tools help Brian get food and build a shelter.
Brian is cold at night, he needs fire to keep warm.
Brian was angry and scared so he threw his hatchet.

The hatchet hit a rock and made a spark.

Spark equals fire.
Chapters

9 - 12
Brian bang hatchet on rock to make spark.

The spark make a fire.
Brian misses his mother and father.
Brian is always looking for food. One day he found animal tracks on the beach. He followed the animal tracks and found eggs.
Brian ate the eggs.
Brian made a spear to fish.
While fishing he heard a plane, but the plane did not see Brian. This made Brian sad.
Chapters

13 - 16
Brian saw many animals.

One day a skunk came into his cave and stole his eggs. Brian tried to stop the skunk and was sprayed in the eyes.

He smelled very bad.
Brian learned he had to hide his food from the animals. He hid the food above his cave.
Brian made a bow and arrow to shoot birds.

After many tries he got a bird.
That night a tornado ruined his camp.

Brian was sad and mad, but he still had his hatchet so he could build again.
When Brian was getting more wood, he saw the plane poking out of lake.
Chapters

17 - 19
Brian swam to the plane.

Brian grabbed the emergency bag.
In the bag: Brian found bandages, medical kit, scissors, 2 lighters, matches, 4 pans, silverware, 2 soap, knife, fishing line, hooks, lures, sleeping bag, food, a gun and an emergency transmitter.
Brian tried to turn on the switch on the transmitter.
The next day Brian heard a plane.

It landed on the lake.
The pilot heard the transmitter. Brian was saved!
The pilot told Brian people had been looking a long time for him.
Brian got home and never wasted any food.

Brian learned how hard food is to get when alone in woods.
The End