Gary Paulson wrote a novel about a 13 year old boy,

If you have a chance to read it, I think you would enjoy.

All you people, please listen close, and put down all your toys,

Grab a book, sit down and read, I promise you won’t get annoyed.

Brian is barely a teenager, but decides to go on a vacation.

He doesn’t ride in a car, but uses a different type of transportation.

He uses a type that involves elevation.

So he jumps into a plane and starts his migration.

His parents are divorced, so he decides to go and see his dad,

He has to leave his mom, which is kind of sad.

But he becomes so excited to see his father, the sad turns into glad

His mind is filled with optimism, no thoughts creep in that are bad.

It’s just him and the pilot, the take off into the sky.

He is in the passengers seat, the pilot shows him how to fly,

Brian has never flown a plane before; he is just an ordinary guy.

But then the pilot has a heart attack, and he’s not able to turn a blind eye,

Brian has to land the plane or both of them will die.

He has no time to stress, no time to ask why.

He spots a lake in the middle of the wild,

He has to grow up fast, and stop acting like a child.

He turns the nose down, tries to do with style

But crashes into the lake and has no time to smile,

The plane started sinking, his first priority was to get out,

He busted out his window that was the simplest route.

He grabbed his hatchet; he knew he couldn’t live without,

Swam out of the plane, with no time to doubt.

The pilot has dead, and the plane sunk deep far away,

He knew he had to swim to shore and get out of the bay.

He had no clue about how long he would have to stay,

But he knew he had to get to work, they couldn’t be any delay.

First thing first, he used a hatchet to make a fire,

He just came from the water and he needed to get drier.

Then there was food he would have to acquire.

He comes face to face with a porcupine, skunk, moose and bear,

Occasionally he could hear planes flying above in the air.

He even caught some animals in a snare,

And at times got so upset and tried to understand how this could be fair.

He builds a shelter underneath part of a huge rock,

He fights for survival around the clock!

He tries as hard as he can to stay out of shock,

And tries to come up with a plan, but the plan is hard to unlock.

One day the weather gets bad and a tornado rips through the island like a train,

He looks into the lake, and he could see the plane.

He dives down deep to try to retain,

A first aid kit, a transmitter and other things that could help him remain sane.

Brian doesn’t know how to work the transmitter so he throws it aside,

He becomes so frustrated he even starts to cry.

But he didn’t know that transmitter would provide,

Someone who saw the transmitter’s signal had come by his side.

Brian was stranded on that island for 54 days,

Throughout the novel he changed in many ways.

He became a better man, and HAD a better appreciation of life,

I hope you read the book Hatchet; maybe it can help you deal with strife.