

Passages

Reading Level 7



Title: Brian's Winter

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Sample From The Book

Fall came on with a softness, so that Brian didn't realize what was in store – a hard-spined north woods winter – until it was nearly too late.

He had never thought he would be here this long. After the plane crash that marooned him in the wilderness he had lived day by day for fifty-four days, until he had found the survival pack in the plane. Then another thirty-five days through the northern summer, somehow living the same day-to-day pattern he had started just after the crash...

In the days, weeks and months since the plane had crashed he had dreamed many times. At first all the dreams had been of food – food he had eaten, food he wished he had eaten and food he wanted to eat. But as time progressed the food dreams seemed to phase out and he dreamed of other things – of friends, of his parents (always of their worry, how they wanted to see him; sometimes that they were back together) and more and more of girls. As with food he dreamed of girls he knew, girls he wished he had known and girls he wanted to know.



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