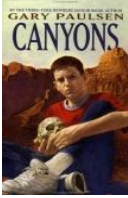


# Passages

## Reading Level 8



**Title:** Canyons

**Author:** Gary Paulsen

### Sample From The Book

Soon he would be a man.

Not after months, or years, as it had been, but in a day. In a day Coyote Runs would be a man and take the new name which only he would know because after fourteen summers they were taking him on a raid.

He had difficulty believing it. For this summer and two summers past he had gone time and time again to the old place, the medicine place, the ancient place in another canyon only he knew about, and prayed for manhood – all for nothing. For the whole of this summer and two summers past he had been ignored, thought of as still a boy.

And now it was upon him.

In the morning he had risen early and walked away from the camp before the fires yet smoked and gone to the stream to rinse his mouth and take a cool drink and nothing seemed different.

He had gone to the ponies and looked at them and thought how it would be someday to own a pony, two of them, many of them, when he was a man and could go on raids to take horses and a Mexican saddle with silver on it like Magpie had done when he became a man and who could now walk with his neck swollen.



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