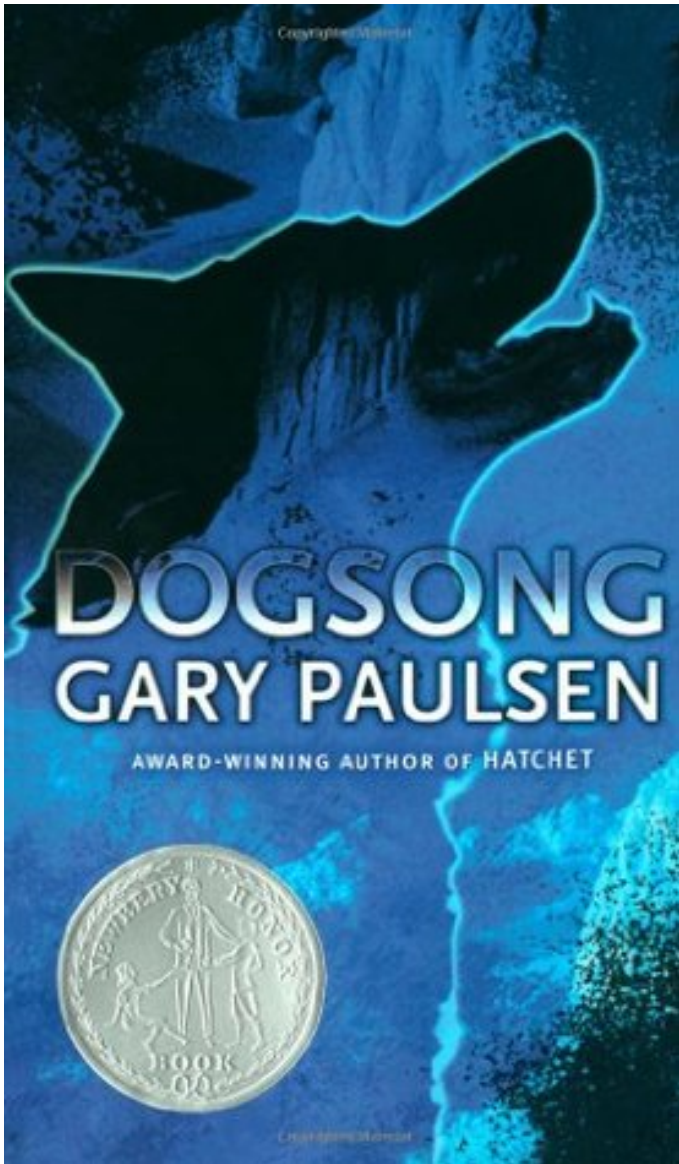

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Dogsong



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Description

IN THE OLD DAYS THERE WERE SONGS

Something is bothering Russel Susskit. He hates waking up to the sound of his father's coughing, the smell of diesel oil, the noise of snow machines starting up.

Only Oogruk, the shaman who owns the last team of dogs in the village, understands Russel's longing for the old ways and the songs that celebrated them. But Oogruk cannot give Russel the answers he seeks; the old man can only prepare him for what he must do alone. Driven by a strange, powerful dream of a long-ago self and by a burning desire to find his own song, Russel takes Oogruk's dogs on an epic journey of self-discovery that will change his life forever.

A Newbery Honor Book

An ALA Best Book for Young Adults

An ALA Notable Book

A *School Library Journal* Best Book

Insightful reviews

Scott Gill: A much needed book for boys today. It is rough and raw, a survival story which is so characteristic of Paulsen. A coming-of-age story, but more than that; it is the story of a boy that makes the passage to manhood. Russel Susskit begins as an eskimo boy, living with his sick father on the government reservation and ends as a man, living on his own, surviving by the "old ways." His passage involves the hunt, running dogs, and a journey where he finally finds his song, his meaning and place in the world.

Riley: The title of this book is *Dogsong*. The author is Gary Paulson. *Dogsong* has 176 pages and the genre is biography. In this book the main character is Russel. He lives with his dad at the beginning of the book but he doesn't know what to do with his life so he goes to a man named Oogruk's house. This man Oogruk was the founder of the village Russel lives in. Oogruk starts to give Russel a lot of advice so Russel moved into his house to get more advice. The most important thing that Oogruk tells Russel is that everyone in the old days had their own song but a preacher told them they would go to hell if they kept singing their songs so they all stopped and their songs were forgotten. Oogruk told Russel he would help him find Russel's song if he could remember but Russel would have to discover the rest himself. While he lives with Oogruk Russel uses Oogruk's dogs and sled. Russel pays in "rent" by hunting for Oogruk. One day when Russel gets ready to go hunting out on the ice for seal Oogruk forces Russel to take him with. Oogruk comes out on the ice and tells Russel out of nowhere to run into the woods and not look back. But Russel argues because he doesn't want to let Oogruk stay on the ice by himself. Oogruk forced Russel to run and that it was Oogruk's time. So Russel runs but then starts to understand what Oogruk meant about his time and turns back to go get him but when

he gets there Oogruk had already died. Russel then keeps running into the woods. Russel meets someone in the wood as he roams through the woods. They have a small no a big problem but that is something you will have to read to find out about. I did like this book a lot and I would like to know if there is a sequel to this book. I would read another like this. Out of five stars I would give this book a 5.

Tyler Petzke: Gary Paulsen wrote a very interesting book when he wrote "Dog Song." This book follows a boy named Russell. Russell is a troubled boy. He is tired of the way his life is. Russell wants to go back to the "old days" where they did things differently. Russell meets Oogruk. Oogruk has a dog team that will aid Russell in his adventure. I enjoyed reading about Russell and his adventures. I haven't read too many books about people in Alaska so not only do I get a good story but some history at the same time. The way Russell progressed through the story and learned was great. For example at the beginning he could barely control the dogs and then till the end he is a master. The beginning of the book is pretty slow. Instead of reading about the adventures of a dogsled team you read about Russell's background which is really slow and boring. When Oogruk is in the picture you almost don't care what happened to Russell in the past.

All around the book is a good book. I enjoyed it after I got past the beginning. For some reason I didn't like to hear about Russell's past even though it played a little part in the story. I've liked a few Gary Paulsen books and this one is probably in the top 5. I would recommend this book to anyone who has read Gary Paulsen in the past.

Kristin: I discovered this one in a stack of books I bought from my Aunt's classroom. At first, I could not think 10-11 yr outdated young ones may still examine the tough and uncooked way of life of an Eskimo boy; however, the publication is wealthy intimately approximately local American customs. It truly is awesome coming of age tale. Also, the boy learns of the round nature of existence simply because animals provide their lives to feed guy and guy returns gratitude to the animals so their spirits will go back the subsequent season. He additionally desires in a round manner that ties his lifestyles to his ancestors. Better of all is the poetry suppose of his language as he reveals his song.

Bobbi Caulfield: Russel seems like there's something lacking from his life, and due to an elder Eskimo in his village he's capable of set out on a trip to discover himself and his song. regardless of struggles within the chilly and having trouble discovering online game to hunt, Russel is aware even on the gentle age of 14 that this was once all a part of the journey. This can be an incredible e-book for a teenager to read, to teach them that existence isn't really all rainbows and sunshine. In numerous eras and places, humans even have to shed blood, sweat, and tears to simply have simple prerequisites resembling warmth and food. A few events aren't in any respect pretty, and that I came across myself squirming at studying approximately slicing the organs out of animals, consuming the beef virtually raw, and ingesting the bloody water used to boil the meat. Wow. I additionally may perhaps by no means think going six days with out consuming and on best of that discovering the power to run a group of canine whereas facing the weather of huge quantities of snow plus a variety of blizzards that prefer to strike. I used to be passed an exceptional new viewpoint on how effortless I've got it, and that I desire an individual who reads this ebook is galvanized to have a look at their very own lives and

embark on a self-seeking trip irrespective of how small or big.

Rosa Swan: Dogsong is simplistic within the manner that feels virtually childish. but it really is during this infantile method that Gary Paulsen is ready to show this hunter's lifestyle that is born into many and consider by means of some. the most personality Russel on his run of striking proportions represents our personal extra psychological run again to a purifier type of things. Returning to the previous methods and ridding ourselves of a few of the "better" types of state-of-the-art is the most connection to personality and reader alike. even though it is difficult for readers to claim they know how it feels to carry their existence of their hands, somebody can hook up with this ancestral means of living. All it takes is rather less focus, and extra diving in at the reader's part. Paulsen has additionally created a stand that i believe personally. His point out of the way wasting the outdated methods has made existence extra advanced yet now not fairly larger relatively sinks in while one ponders the kingdom of the realm now we have created with man's machine. And I'm no longer calling out machines the following to scapegoat, I'm conversing concerning the greed we carry up to the "white men" within the book. i think that's the best messages you could research from any book, and how Paulsen has captured it'll make it sink deep and stay. So younger and old, new or nice reader, enjoy.

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