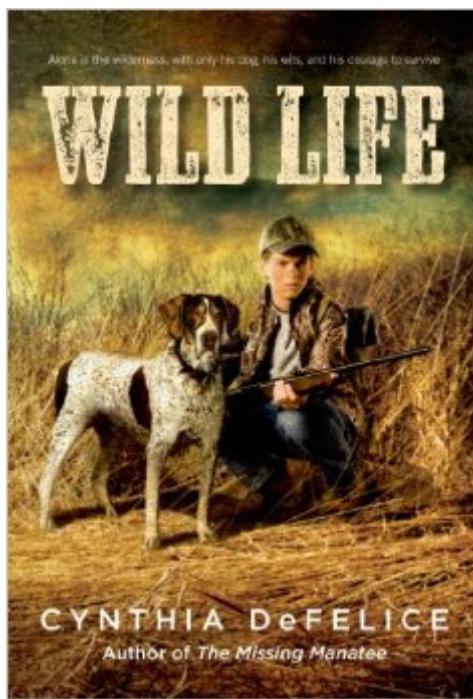


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# Wild Life



## **Synopsis**

Erik is preparing for his first-ever hunting trip when he learns that his parents are being deployed to Iraq. A few days later, Erik is shipped off to North Dakota to live with Big Darrell and Oma, grandparents he barely knows. When Erik rescues a dog that's been stuck by a porcupine, Big Darrell says Erik can't keep him. But Erik has already named her Quill and can't bear to give her up. He decides to run away, taking the dog and a shotgun, certain that they can make it on their own out on the prairie. *Wild Life* by Cynthia DeFelice is a story of adventure and survival, in which Erik learns about the challenges and satisfactions of living off the land, the power of family secrets, and the pain of losing what you love.

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Grade Level: 3 - 7

## **Customer Reviews**

I recently bought this book for my nephew. He had to choose a book from a list his teacher gave him and this was one that he thought looked interesting. He's not a very enthusiastic reader, but this book really caught his imagination and he read it quickly. His favorite part was telling everyone about the chapter he had just read. I recommend this for any boy who doesn't care for reading. It could change his mind. :)

Erick life is on a down hill slide. His parents have just been deployed to Iraq. This means that he

must move across the country to stay with his grandparents that he barely knows. When he gets there learns that his grandfather is an angry man. He is still dealing with the grief of losing his son in Iraq. Erik has had enough and decides to run away with a hunting dog that he has found. When the grandfather finds out that his grandson has run away it causes him to reevaluate his own life. He starts to make a change for the better. The novel moves at a fast pace. This book would be great for boys that are interested in wild life and survival stories.

Read this one to my grandsons (ages 9 & 12), they couldn't wait for the next night to arrive to hear the next chapter. Good insights into the life of a young boy as he experiences a very difficult time in the life of his family.

My 10-year-old son received this book as a gift for Christmas and has already read it...great story and a good read as he says. The book itself is a hard-back book and looks beautiful. This will be a nice addition to his growing collection.

You're all packed and ready to go. You see some thing that you need to survive in the wild. In this book Erik has to go to his grandparents house for 6 months because his parents are being deployed as reservists in the Army. He thought it would be so boring, but he was wrong. Thanks to Quill, the dog he found, he has some fun for a change. But, his grandfather says Quill can stay one night only. Erik gets so mad that he packs food, fills a canteen, and packs a gun from his uncle Dan's room. He leaves a note saying that he is taking Quill on a walk, which is only half true. I like this book because the author is suspenseful and foreshadows. Another reason I like it is because the author's message is good and easy to find once you read the book. This book is a very good one to read. The details are so good I want to go back to read that part of the book again. I would recommend this book for people 8 and older because it has some violence. If you want a good survival book read Wild Life.

This book is the best book it is one of my top 5 books I have ever read. If you like wildlife, and hunting, then this is book just fit for you. It is a great book I highly recommend it if you are looking for a great book.

This is the first book ever that my 11 year old picked out on his own, wanted to buy and read on his own. He actually asked for more books from the same author and sat with me while we picked them

out on . So We ordered two more of her books. The reading level was perfect for him. He is in 6th grade and reads at a 5th grade level. He would way rather be outside hunting and fishing, riding his bike and ripstick than reading, but this book sure did help. I hope the author reads these reviews, and can really understand how much I appreciate her gift of wrtting and sharing it with my son.

I chose to read this book because the author is coming to speak at a school in our area. Wow! Itâ™s perfect for the local kids because we live on the edge of Fort Drum and many of them have deployed parents. Middle grade boys will love it, especially those who are interested in hunting. But girls will find it a page turner, even girls who left middle grade behind seventy years ago. (I fit into that category. It helped that I love dogs!) I grew up with a father and six brothers who lived for hunting season. This book captures that enthusiasm for the sport, along with telling a heartwarming, unpredictable story of a boy with determination to make the best of the situation in which he finds himself on. (Rather than waiting for someone to bail him out.)-Hope Irvin Marston, author of EYE ON THE IDITAROD: AISLINGâ™S QUEST.

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