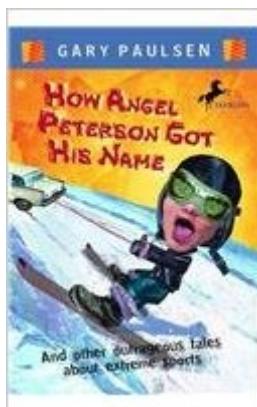


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# How Angel Peterson Got His Name And Other Outrageous Tales About Extreme Sports



## **Synopsis**

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## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Grade 5-8-Paulsen accounts for his 13th year "of wonderful madness" when he and his friends tried to shoot a waterfall in a barrel, break the world record for speed on skis, hang glide with an Army surplus parachute, and perform other daredevilish stunts. Readers will be drawn to the term "extreme sports" but the story is more accurately one generation's version of homemade fun in the days following the Korean War when "radio was king" and the great outdoors served as the playground. Like much of his autobiographical fiction, these sketches are more episodic than plot driven. Paulsen exhibits a wry sense of humor and storytelling ability as if he were sitting on a country porch with eager listeners at his knee. In one chapter, a friend borrowed a quarter to wrestle a bear at the carnival to get the attention of a girl, only to be swept out of the ring by a giant paw, like "a hockey puck with legs." The stories are fresh and lively and will especially appeal to reluctant middle-grade readers.

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Gr. 6-9. Every boy who is 13 or about to be 13 or who remembers being 13 should read this short story collection based on people and events from Paulsen's own life. Even though the action takes place 50 or so years ago, they will recognize themselves. And every girl who has ever liked a 13-year-old-boy, or been related to one, or wondered about one, should read this, too, because although the book doesn't explain why boys like to do things like pee on electric fences, it does give an insight into how their funny little minds work. Writing with humor and sensitivity, Paulsen shows boys moving into adolescence believing they can do anything: wrestle with bears; shoot waterfalls in a barrel; fly eight-by-twelve-foot Army surplus kites--and hang on, even as they land in the chicken coop. None of them dies (amazingly), and even if Paulsen exaggerates the teensiest bit, his tales are side-splittingly funny and more than a little frightening. GraceAnne DeCandidoCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Digital edition.

This is a great little book. Funny, funny, funny. I first read this book as a bedtime story for my kids. It isn't a children's book, per se, but it certainly is OK as one. It was so funny I almost couldn't read it - I was laughing so hard I could hardly breath. The book is a series of short stories, the first of which has the same title as the book. I recently bought the book again in its Kindle edition and read aloud the first story to my now college age daughter and her friend who had not heard it - it is still funny!

was on my daughter's summer reading list for school, unfortunately she said it's a boring book

If you did stupid things growing up, you'll love this book! We've re-read it multiple times and have given it as "gifts". DON'T let your teenagers read it - they might get some ideas! We've never laughed so hard at a book as we have at this one.

I really liked this book, because it was funny and crazy and definitely exceeded my expectations. I liked how the author almost always found a way to take the worst case scenario into the next level. The ridiculousness was entertaining and I like how there was a bit of background on each character in the chapters, so you feel like you get to know them a bit better.

I know people thought I had lost my mind as I was laughing hysterically at my phone!! The author's depictions of these endeavors lets the reader "see" the action-and it is too funny!

My son could not stop laughing reading this book. It was on his 5th grade books to read list and he loved it. Quick read too!

My husband is still laughing when he thinks of scenes in this. The adventures boys have are quite entertaining...to read. Thank you, Mr. Paulsen, for the laughs.

This book was great! My son read it as his summer reading book this year and flew threw it! It's a struggle to get him to read, but he was able to read this from beginning to end in 3 days. The fact that the writer broke up the chapters into mini short stories with the same characters really helped keep my sons interest. Highly recommend!

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