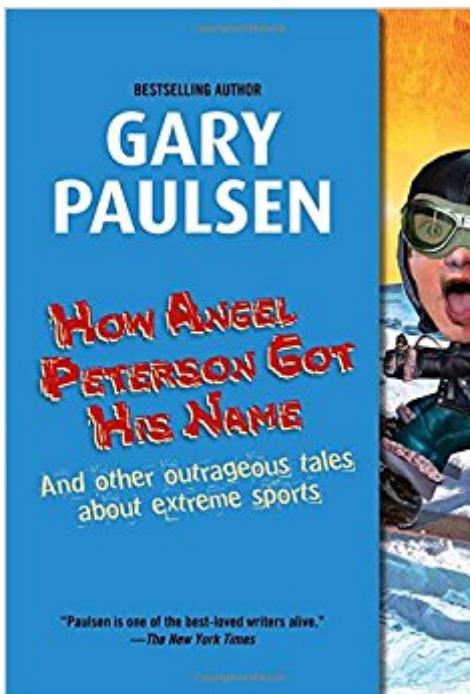


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# How Angel Peterson Got His Name



## Synopsis

WHEN YOU GROW up in a small town in the north woods, you have to make your own excitement. High spirits, idiocy, and showing off for the girls inspire Gary Paulsen and his friends to attempt: Shooting waterfalls in a barrel The first skateboarding Breaking the world record for speed on skis by being towed behind a souped-up car, and then . . . hitting gravel Jumping three barrels like motorcycle daredevil Evel Knievel, except they only have bikes Wrestling . . . a bear? Extreme sports lead to extreme fun in new tales from Gary's boyhood. A New York Times BestsellerFrom the Hardcover edition.

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 5 Up-Paulsen recounts his escapades as an adventurous 13-year-old who believed that he and his friends could do anything, including wrestle a bear, ride a waterfall in a barrel, and hang glide with an Army surplus kite. Told with humor and a strong tall tale flavor, these accounts will have readers laughing aloud. Audio version available from Brilliance Audio. (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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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