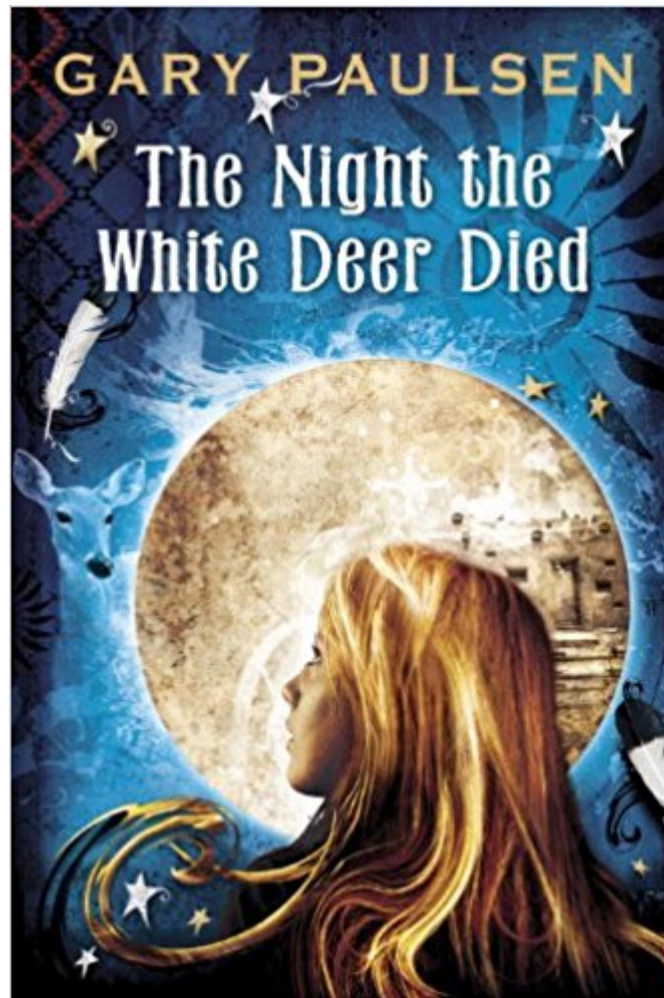




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The Night The White Deer Died



Synopsis

An Indian brave stands poised to shoot a white deer drinking from a pool of water in the moonlight. It is only a dream—a recurring nightmare that haunts 15-year-old Janet Carson—but it is a dream that will change her life forever. Janet, one of the few Anglo teens in the New Mexico art colony where she lives with her mother, feels isolated and alone. For some reason, she is drawn to Billy Honcho, an old, alcoholic Indian who begs for money from her. As they get to know each other, the meaning of Janet's nightmare grows clear, and Billy becomes the brave in her dream.

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Living with her mother in a New Mexico art colony, a teenaged girl feels isolated and is haunted by a recurring dream. PW praised the "eerily poetic" writing in this allegorical novel, "rooted in the chasm between actualities and pretensions." Ages 12-up. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"[Janet's] dream shows her a white deer at the mercy of an Indian brave, aiming an arrow from a taut bow. In Paulsen's eerily poetic writing, the reader finds the message that finally becomes clear to Janet. The novel is an allegory, rooted in the chasm between actualities and pretensions."--Publishers Weekly "Well worth reading."--Kirkus Reviews

Thought provoking story...this makes one examine the meaning of "loving" someone or something, the power of love and belief, dreams and their meaning, the Native American traditions and their beauty, teenage isolation/connection. This was a "quick read" but not something one would really want to rush through. I intend to use this book with my students in the upcoming academic year and I'm pretty excited about the possibilities...especially because my school is located near the Seneca Army Depot where the largest herd of white deer in the world lives. I highly recommend this book!

A really wonderful story. It has a timeless, mythological aura about it. A classic. The physical book was all that I expected.

Gary Paulsen is a wonderful author. He never disappoints me. I feel sure his books will be a hit with my grandchildren. I enjoyed being a librarian at a grade school and could share the Paulsen books with the children. A fun side note is that I could bring them home to my 90+ year old father and he would get a big kick out of them too. Lots of fun adventure and clean too!

This book was..... MIND BLOWING! I would highly recommend it to young readers. It is a very fast and easy read

Although the book was written for youth and teens, it will not disappoint the adult. It is a wonderful story of friendship and compassion.

Everything was good, as advertised.

He Send Me The Wrong Book It Was Supposed To Be The Night The White Deer Died And Instead He Sent Me Deer Diaries Very Upset!!

The book, *The Night the White Deer Died*, is written by three time Newbery award winner, Gary Paulsen. It is about a fifteen-year-old girl named Janet Carson, who lives in a small town in New Mexico in the year 1978. Janet is lonely and hardly has any good friends. What worries her is a recurring dream she has each night. In her dream, a beautiful white doe begins to drink from a moonlit pool. Suddenly, an Indian brave appears, notches a bow, and then shoots it at the deer. Time then freezes, and Janet wakes up. Janet is not able to understand the dream at all, and it

begins to haunt her. She becomes depressed, until she meets Billy Honcho, a drunken, fifty-three year old Indian. In meeting him, Janet not only makes sense out of her mysterious dream, but she also falls in love. I chose the book because I was attracted to its title. However, I was disappointed because the book was not very suspenseful, and that was a major let down for me. For this reason, I would not recommend this book to readers who like action-filled and suspenseful plots. On the other hand, readers who enjoy books about troubled characters and how they overcome their problems may want to read this book.

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