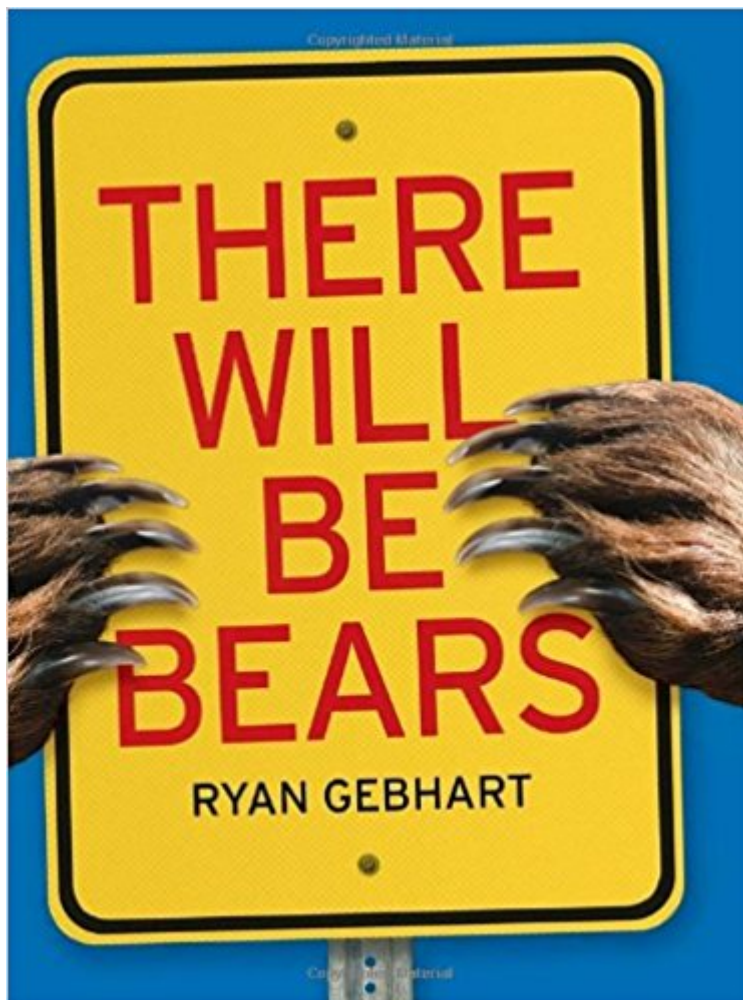


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# There Will Be Bears



## Synopsis

Tyson is determined to hunt an elk â€” even if it means sneaking his grandpa out of a nursing home â€” in a debut novel sparked with dry wit and wilderness adventure. Thirteen-year-old Tyson loves hanging out with his roughneck Grandpa Gene, whoâ€™s a lot more fun than Tysonâ€™s exâ€”best friend, Brighton. These days, Bright just wants to be seen with the cool jocks who make fun of Tysonâ€™s Taylor Swift obsession and dorky ways. So when Grandpa Gene has to move to a nursing home that can manage his kidney disease, Tyson feels like heâ€™s losing his only friend. Not only that, but Tyson was counting on Grandpa Gene to take him on his first big hunt. So in defiance of Mom and Dadâ€™s strict orders, and despite reports of a scary, stalking, man-eating grizzly named Sandy, the two sneak off to the Grand Tetons. Yes, there will be action, like shooting and dressing a six-hundred-pound elk. Is Tyson tough enough? There will be heart-pounding suspense: is Grandpa Gene too sick to handle the hunt, miles away from help? And, oh yes, there will be bears. . . .

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 5â€”8â€”Since his dad lost his job, 13-year-old Tyson has been living with his parents and younger sister in his Gramps's house in Colorado. The two are unusually close, which is a source of

stability for Tyson as he makes his way through the tough changes in his life—shifting family dynamics; the drifting away of his childhood best friend Brighton, who plays football now and runs with the popular crowd; and a first attempt at romance with new girl Karen. Then Gramps has to move to an assisted-living facility three hours away because his health is failing, which means a promised elk-hunting trip in the Grand Tetons is in jeopardy. Not to mention there's a malicious grizzly on the loose in the area. So the two concoct a lie about camping in Idaho in order to convince Tyson's dad to give him permission for what will most likely be Gramps's last hunting trip. Tyson's narration lends immediacy to the emotional development but can lapse into throwaway colloquialism ("I'm all whatever about it" or "I go, 'Yeah'"). The scenes surrounding the hunt and an encounter with the grizzly are the most dynamic in the book. It's here that the story really begins to grip. These depictions are not for every reader, though. The description of Tyson learning to field dress an elk is detailed and gory. Nonetheless, this should be an easy sell to younger middle schoolers, especially where hunting is a popular activity.â”Bob Hassett, Luther Jackson Middle School, Falls Church, VA

Thirteen-year-old Tyson is having a rough year. His best friend ditched him for the popular crowd and a girlfriend, and now the hunting trip he and his grandpa have been planning—the trip that will prove he is a man—may get canceled. And all because of a few grizzly bear attacks! When Tyson begins to suspect that there may be something wrong with Grandpa Gene, he gets angry with his family for treating him like a child and keeping him in the dark. Gebhart's debut depicts the anger and emotion of adolescence without the angst; Tyson remains a likable oddball throughout. Unapologetic in his love of bears, Taylor Swift, and having his grandpa as his BFF, Tyson's eccentricities serve both as strengths and challenges as he matures. What results is a compelling and heartfelt story with just the right amount of humor. This should appeal to fans of Jordan Sonnenblick and to middle-school boys in general. And don't worry, there will, in fact, be bears. Grades 5-8. --Julia Smith

This is a good book. My daughter really likes it. There are a few "colorful" words in it, but all in all it was a good story. I encourage parents to read it first to make sure that it is appropriate for their kids.

Funny, sarcastic, fun . Great for a reluctant reader, especially boys around 10-14 age.

Excellence!

I am a fifth grade teacher, and always on the look out for good books that will interest the boys in my class. Most of them are either sports fans or adventure fans. Hatchet is always a favorite, and now there is another one - There Will Be Bears - that I can also highly recommend for a high interest book with enough action to keep up the interest. I highly recommend this book as an independent read, a book club book in a classroom, or as a read aloud to the class!

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This was a good book. It was well written, funny, and great for 6-7 grade readers. the prune juicing part was gross though.

This book is about a teen who needs to get the girls and a six-point elk. He fights anger sadness and loss, he accepts the losses ignores the anger and overcomes the sadness

Great entertainig book! Funny, suspensful, and it teaches the readers some facts about nature and wildlife. My 11 years old son loved reading it and he is not the type that loves to read.

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