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Raised in the island world of southeast Alaska, sixteen-year-old Robbie Daniels jumps at the chance to work as a deckhand on a salmon troller captained by legendary fisherman Tor Torsen. Catching king salmon from dawn till dusk, Robbie is living his dream -- until he discovers his mysterious captain's dark secret. Tor is illegally searching the coastline for historic metal plaques buried by early Russian explorers. When Robbie learns the value of these hidden treasures, he fears he may know too much to survive. Tor's wrath and a violent storm at sea put Robbie's courage and wits to the ultimate test.

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Garrett Graham says

Good Book

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This book takes place in Port Protection, Southeast Alaska. 13-year-old Robbie is trying to earn some extra cash to save up for college. He has always fished the inside waters with his family on the Chimes of Freedom. After his birthday he's headed out to Craig, a huge fishing port 20 or so miles away from home. Robbie has a hard time finding work, but after running in to a very known woman he gets lead to a popular boat. He is caught sneaking on the boat he was sent to and blows his chance until the skipper changes his mind. He doesn't know it at the time but he is boarding a boat that belongs to a legend. The mans name is Tor Torsen and he owns the Storm Petrel. This man has a bad back problem and has weird mood swings, Robbie doesn't no it yet but he has no clue what he has got himself into. When he was sneaking around he saw a rare Russian plaque that he new was very valuable. They go back and fourth telling about family and the history of the plaque. Robbie finds out that Tor's wife died on the Storm Petrel and that he had a daughter who he doesn't have contact with anymore. Robbie also learns that there are other Russian plaques buried along the coast and that was the main reason he was on board, to help find buried treasure. They catch lots and lots of fish more than Robbie ever expected but, Tor wasn't much because the King Salmon market had inflated due to the fish farms producing all the fish. After 12 days of steady fishing they find their first Plaque and it gets really sketchy from there. Tor's acting weird and all Robbie can think about is getting off the boat alive. On the last day a huge storm is blowing up and Robbie is catching fish like Tor the "legend" has never seen. With the biggest storm of either ones life on the way, they are on a race to the only safe place in a hole, surrounded by mountains called Lituya Bay. Tor is swept off the back of the boat trying to save the boat from sinking, and Robbie cant find him so he gives it all he's got to make it in Lituya Bay. I thought this book showed the true grit within a fisherman's Dailey life. What they go through and how they go about it. The little gismo's that all have a purpose to catch the fish. I think in the future as technology increases, the fisherman will continue to use technology to benefit them. Overall I liked the book considering a have a lake house in the Ozarks and it reminded me of fishing at the lake.

Shaun Jacques says

When I read the book "leaving protection" by will Hobbs" I was always on the edge of my seat in the beginning I was not really in to it then once I read about the first 20 pages I realized that it was a really interesting book. The part that I liked the most would had to been when this boy wonders onto tors boat and at first the fisherman had wanted nothing to do with him to saving his life at the end of the story . This book kept me really interested in reading and every time that I got a chance I opened the book I would

Justyn says

For my third quarter book I read Leaving Protection by Will Hobbs. I remember reading a book by Will Hobbs in middle school but never thought about reading his books in high school. I remember reading his books then and I actually enjoyed them. When I first started reading this book I thought I was going to hate it, but it turned out to be amazing and I could never put the book down surprisingly.

The book starts off with a teenage boy who is 16 and wants earn some money. Robbie Daniels leaves his home in Port Protection to head to the nearby fishing town of Craig. King Salmon season is less than 48 hours away and he is there looking for a job to work on a boat. Most skippers have already found a deck hand or few can afford to hire one.

The way Will Hobbs wrote this was good for what I like to find in a book. I liked how things flowed and nothing at all was really confusing. It had the moments where things got really intense but yet nothing was really boring that made me want to stop reading it. The genre of this book is realistic fiction so it seems like the actions that happen seem like real events. And that's another reason why this book was very intriguing. It was like you could imagine yourself there or watching a TV show which is another thing I like to do.

The ending was something unexpected; it made a strange twist to the story. Though the story did make sense the way it ended I just didn't think it would happen. So that would be one thing I disliked about this story, the ending. As I was reading it I never thought of it ending how it did. But yet again it made sense.

This book was really about a hard working teen that proved himself to someone who thought he couldn't do it. I will definitely be reading more of Will Hobbs books because he writes about life experiences and turns them into great stories. The book had 192 pages with great lengths for chapters. It was easy to sit down for 10 minutes and read 2 paragraphs. I can't wait to start reading more of his books and I definitely recommend it to others.

Jordan says

One of the books themes is mystery, from the middle to end of the book the mystery plays a big part in the plot. This book would be best enjoyed by someone who is observant or someone who can easily grow to care for characters in a book. A realistic part of the plot is how he joins the salmon fishing business. An unrealistic part of the plot is where the main character lives at the start of the book. His house is a boat house made out of tree parts. The author can really get you to care for the main character, even with his short introduction. The author could improve the part where his is getting guided on how to work on the ship. The story slows down and starts to drag there. Aside for that, the book is good. I recommend it to people who are into mystery books.

Shawn says

Robbie Daniels is a 16 year old boy looking for a job to make some money but he finds himself in a storm with a crooked boss. First, Robbie Daniels gets a job to be a deckhand to Torsen. Then, Robbie finds out that

he was actually brought on to help illegally search Russian Plaques. Finally, Robbie is fighting the storm and his boss is swept off the back of the boat. Robbie goes home to his family safely and doesn't have to worry about Torsen anymore.

Someone says

For me, this book was great. It put me in an unfamiliar place with characters I knew almost nothing about. It was fun watching their personalities develop, and the story in itself was very interesting.

Mariano Antolin says

From beginning, to the end, this book had me on the edge of my seat. In fact, I read so much of it in a matter of time, that it only took a day to read! Well, the book isn't that long anyways, but its a really good book for when you're on the go. The book, "Leaving Protection" written by Will Hobbs, was suspenseful, heartbreak, and maybe even a bit terrifying at some points in the book. Let me sum it up a bit. So there is a young boy that grew up on a small island, inside a boat house, where he went fishing almost everyday, and hoped to make a living out of it. He started by trying to find a full time job as a fisherman, and that's hard work. He is caught snooping around in an old fishermen's boat, when the old man decides that he might need a deck hand. So its king season, where most king salmon come along with there packs of smaller fish. It's about ten dayas, in, and Sam wants to just give in, he is covered in salmon scales, smelled like seaweed, and was burnt to the bone, but you see, tor wouldn't let him leave, he was stuck on the storm petrel until king season was completely over. So a few days pass, and tor takes medicine to help him with his gruesome back pain. The medicine keeps him asleep or an extra hour or so, and before they know it, kind season is over. But the worst part is, a missive storm is coming there way. Will the storm petrel live up to its name and will the crew be saved? Find out now! (Its only four dollars, go get it) Anyways, The book is pretty realistic, a boy looking for a job, something happens, so I think it was fine. I loved the book, but IDE also love a sequel!

Seth says

This book took me to an unfamiliar place out in the big blue. It took me out to sea around Alaska as a fisherman which is something I knew next to nothing about. The book taught me about fishing though as Robbie Daniels experienced his first king salmon fishing season as he taged along with Tor Torsen who was a legendary king salmon fisher. Of course with Will Hobbs being the author the book is a survival story. I chose to read it mainly because from the back cover I realized it was going to be a survival story and in the end it was a good chose. I love this book!

David Bernstein says

David Bernstein

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English Honors

The title of my book is Leaving Protection by Will Hobbs. The genre of this book is realistic fiction. It takes place in Alaska. The main character is sixteen-year-old Robbie Daniels from Port Protection, Alaska.

The book starts with Robbie trying to get a job as a deckhand fishing king salmon. Robbie comes from a poor family that lives on a boat. He gets to the dock and hears about this one highliner who owns a troller called the Storm Petrel. He wonders on his boat without permission and sees a plaque and gets caught by the guy who owns the boat. He somehow became that guy's deckhand whose name was Tor Torsen, an old man who has been fishing for years. Robbie fishes on his troller for a while and hears about the history behind the plaques. They were planted a long time ago by the Russians. The plaques were really valuable and Tor had two. He wanted to collect all the remaining ones and secretly sell them to this guy he knew so he can retire, which was illegal. They later end up finding another plaque. Robbie started to suspect that Tor wanted to kill him for knowing his secret and Tor actually started threatening him at one point but never actually hurt him. Later in the story, they unfortunately got caught in a storm. Tor made Robbie tie the plaques to something floatable. After a while, Tor and the plaques went overboard. Robbie gets to safety and after the storm, finds the plaques but not Tor. He tells Tor's daughter about the incident and gave the plaques to a museum. Robbie, due to all the salmon he caught, makes money. His family gets the boat and the ending turns out to be happy.

I recommend this book to anyone, especially to someone who loves the sea and fishing. The author used some fishing terms and names of certain parts of the boat, of course, and some of it might be hard to imagine or confusing unless you know about that stuff. Even if you don't know a lot about fishing, like me, you can still have fun reading this book. It is a book filled with adventure and keeps you guessing about what will happen next. That concludes my book review on Leaving Protection by Will Hobbs.

Nancy says

Interesting to learn about southeast Alaska, trolling life, nautical language and the waning livelihood of many people because of big business fish farms.

Naomi says

Great little adventure set on the high seas of the Alaskan coast.

riley haubert says

When I started this book, I was very intrigued and started to read the book avidly, but the book started to drag a bit towards the middle. This story revolves around a guy who goes onto a boat and fishes, and is journey through that and his longings for home. I didn't like this book that much, just because I couldn't

relate to it.

Erika says

Oh boy, the best I can muster for this one is a meh. Have been reading a lot of young adult stuff, helping the MS Reading Olympics team I coach. This is the story of about a two week fishing trip gone wrong. I was assuming I would like it just based on the Alaska setting, but there wasn't much to like. The characters are flat, the story was formulaic, and there was only about ten pages of adventure in the whole book. I can definitely write detailed questions to help the team now that I have read it, but I wouldn't recommend it to anyone!

SFrick says

I liked it.
