

The Quilt

author: Gary Paulsen

2026-06

Synopsis

author	Gary Paulsen
readBy	Susan Ericksen
inLanguage	english

A six-year-old boy goes to spend the summer with his grandmother, Alida, in a small Minnesota town. With the men all gone off to fight, the women are left to run the farms. There's plenty for the boy to do - trying to help with the chores; getting to know the dog and the horses, cows, pigs, and chickens.

But when his cousin Kristina goes into labor, he can't do a thing. Instead, the house fills with women come to help and to wait, and to work on the quilt together. This is no common, everyday quilt, but one that contains all the stories of the boy's family. And as they wait, and work, the women share these stories with the boy.

In this spare, affecting novel, ordinary life and ordinary things take on a new meaning, and the bond between a boy and his grandmother shines through.

Reader's comments

comment 1:

â€"â€" ()