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Editorial Review

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With intense bonding and angry, sometimes violent face-offs, this fast, spare novel will appeal to Gary Paulsen fans, especially boys. On their farm in southern Alabama, Foster, 12, is scared of Dax, his widowed mother's boyfriend, who bullies Foster and even hurts his beloved dog, Joe. Then a stranger, Gary, comes by, and he helps Foster fix up the farm to prepare it for sale. But what is Gary's secret? What is he running from and why? At the core of the drama is the hard daily work as Gary helps Foster paint the fence and fix up the house. With Dax always an ugly threat, Gary teaches Foster to drive and to shoot a pistol (Gary had a lot of practice as a soldier in Iraq). The plain, present-tense prose in Foster's first-person narrative—much of it in dialogue—about the rural landscape and daily work on the farm will hold readers as much as the climactic deadly action. Grades 5-6. --Hazel Rochman

Review

“* Suspenseful and introspective.” *?Publishers Weekly, starred review*

“* Key has crafted another powerful, riveting coming-of-age tale. . . . Foster's first-person voice is richly authentic as he gradually acquires the wisdom that will eventually lead him to a believable though heart-wrenching resolution to some of the crushing conflicts in his life. Confrontations between Dax and Gary are vivid and violent enough to disturb some readers, the violence expertly serving to define yet distinguish their characters. Deeply moving and fast-paced, this life-affirming effort is a worthy addition to the bookshelves of sturdy readers.” *?Kirkus Reviews, starred review*

“* Simultaneously poignant and suspenseful, the story will keep readers on the edge of their seats.” *?School Library Journal, starred review*

“An original and satisfying coming-of-age tale.” *?The Horn Book*

“Written in the tradition of classics such as *Old Yeller* and *Shiloh* but with a decidedly contemporary setting and tone, this will appeal to a broad range of readers.” *?BCCB*

About the Author

WATT KEY lives in southern Alabama with his family. *Fourmile* is his third book.

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