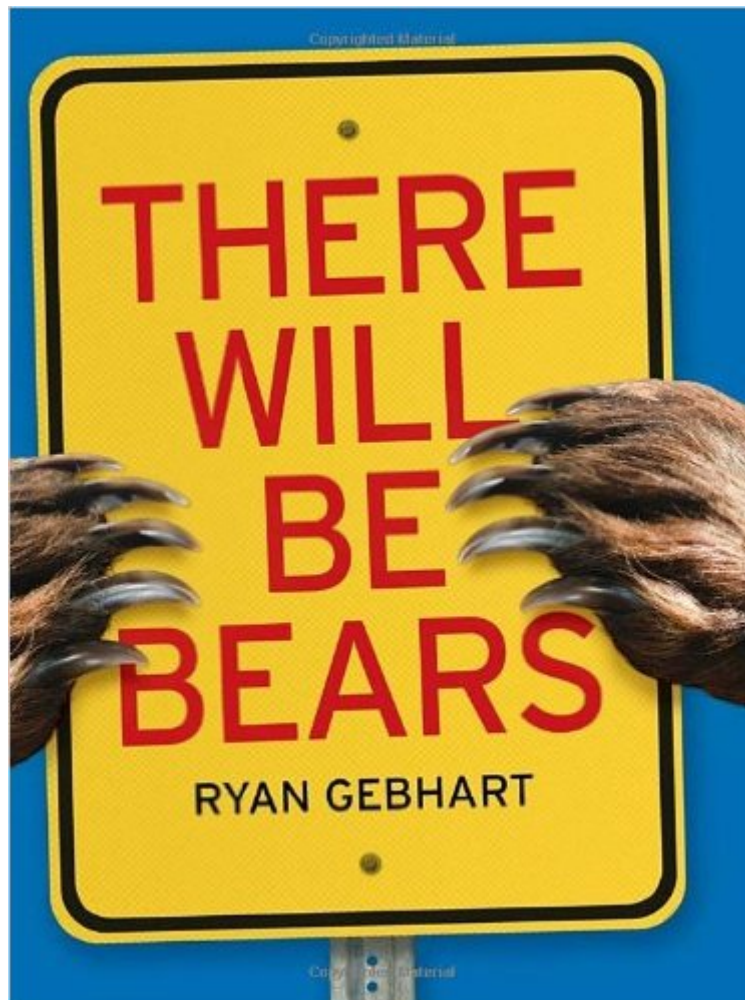


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# There Will Be Bears



## Synopsis

Tyson is determined to hunt an elk — even if it means sneaking his grandpa out of a nursing home — in a debut novel sparked with dry wit and wilderness adventure. Thirteen-year-old Tyson loves hanging out with his roughneck Grandpa Gene, who’s a lot more fun than Tyson’s ex “best friend, Brighton. These days, Brighton just wants to be seen with the cool jocks who make fun of Tyson’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 he’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 Dad’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

There was so much I hated about this book. So much! The rest I adored, though! What did I hate? Well, when a book has any of the 4 “c” words, it pretty much loses me and this book has

all four. (( Boogers, boobs, "boy parts", and bodily functions)) (Had to rephrase this a bit in order to post, but it was still a "b" word.)Also, thereâ€™s hunting and \*detailed\* field dressing. Iâ€™m highly sensitive to these things. When the elk was shot and in pain, I had to close the book to avoid an emotional breakdown. Sure. Iâ€™ll wait while you roll your eyes! ;) Seriously, though, it was way too much for me! Thereâ€™s cutting and guts and â€¦so much pain and grossness for my tastes. (Iâ€™d still keep this book around for my boys if that was my only issue! Itâ€™s a warning for those who are sensitive to that kind of thing, though.)Thereâ€™s also profanity. Thereâ€™s only a few, but one of the words was one of two words that I can't tolerate, and find it especially unforgiving in a middle grade book. (I had the word written out with letters/stars, but it wouldn't post that way.)Thereâ€™s also the lying, and the drinking and driving(even if â€œtestsâ€• were passed). I find drinking and driving, no matter how little, to be intolerable.I may be a 32 year old woman, and not a 13 year old young man(the target reader), but I do pre-read books to decide whether or not any of my nephews would like a book, or if it would make a good choice for my boys in the future. This one didnâ€™t make the cut.What did I like?I was easily able to visualize the main character as a young Cory Matthews (Ben Savage). He definitely won me over when he called an elderly lady in a nursing home â€œladyâ€•, along with the rest of their conversation.

"There Will Be Bears" by Ryan Gebhart is a book targeted primarily at boys, aged 10 and older. The story involves an elk-hunting trip and the bonding experience of 13-year old Tyson and his beloved grandfather. I particularly liked that this was a book involving a male main character and hunting; it may appeal to tween and younger teen boys who are reluctant to read more gently themed novels.Ryan Gebhart's writing is clear and easy to read. Surroundings and characterizations contain enough detail to provide the reader with a clear visualization of the locales, people and events described. The scene in which Tyler dresses an elk is detailed, but is no more graphic than realism dictates necessary.Personalities are well drawn and emotional conflicts are true-to-life. When Tyler learns his grandfather is moving to a nursing home, his reaction is very realistic and what one might expect from a thirteen-year old boy who feels showing emotion makes him weak. The personal conflicts experienced as Tyson matures and as his grandfather Gene ages parallel well. The juxtaposition of the two stages of life into the story provides deeper meaning to "There Will Be Bears" than one might have expected from a novel targeted at younger readers. The love of and respect for family are evident through the characters' interaction with one another.As well written as "There Will Be Bears" is, there are several aspects of the book that more conservative individuals may find inappropriate or offensive. The introduction to the main characters, Tyson and his

grandfather, was an immediate turn-off. Ryan Gebhart's use of bathroom humor in the form of "pruning" and its consequences was unappealing. In one paragraph, Tyson refers to his future girlfriend/wife as "... my old lady ..."

In Ryan Gebhart's debut MG novel, *THERE WILL BE BEARS*, 13-year old Tyson can't wait for the elk hunting trip he and his grandfather have been planning. Tyson will finally get to go hunting and spend a weekend in the wilderness with Gramps, who's h. hands down the coolest grandfather around. Shortly after he and Gramps guzzle prune juice to clean out their systems in preparation for the trip, his parents break the news: the hunting trip is cancelled. To make matters worse, Gramps is sick and being moved to home in a whole different state. Tyson is stuck with his dreams shattered, an ex-best friend who's a totally yamhole, and some unexpected, difficult truths about his family weighing him down. Feeling angry and betrayed, he throws caution to the wind when Gramps suggests pulling a fast one on Tyson's parents and going on the hunting trip as planned, despite multiple reports of a dangerous grizzly bear in the area and his grandfather's deteriorating health. Will Tyson and Gramps make it through the weekend alive? I have no doubt that middle school boys will love this book and I'm fairly confident that many girls will too. I know middle school me would have loved it. Part of the appeal for me was how much Gramps reminds me a lot of my own grandfather, prune juice guzzling and big game hunting included. Growing up in the Midwest, specifically NE Michigan, hunting has always been a pretty big part of my life. Hunting with a parent or grandfather is as much of a rite of passage in my world as it is in Tyson's, so I could relate to his heartbreak when his trip with Gramps is cancelled. His determination to be able to shoot and clean his kill on his own - and his hesitation when that moment comes - are all important, teachable moments during a fragile time in Tyson's life.

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