

MY LIFE IN DOG YEARS

Joseph Campbell wrote, "Schopenhauer points out that when you reach an advanced age and look back over your lifetime it can seem to have had a consistent order and plan, as though composed by some novelist. Events that when they occurred had seemed accidental and of little moment turn out to have been indispensable factors in the composition of a consistent plot". If you're of a mind to write your life story but don't know quite where to start, I'd suggest reading Gary Paulsen's My Life In Dog Years (Delacorte, \$15.95). Paulsen's life, like most of ours, has overflowed with an abundance of rich stories, challenging events, and how he gets it all down on paper to make you laugh and cry, maybe even call your sister to read passages to her, is Dog By Dog. It's a great way to glimpse a life, even your own. Read it. Laugh. And go forth and write.

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