



BOOK RESUME: LAWN BOY

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Gary Paulsen's unforgettable comic story about a summer job that becomes a slapstick lesson in business.

One day I was 12 years old and broke. I set out to mow some lawns with Grandpa's old riding mower. One client was Arnold the stockbroker, who offered to teach me about: the beauty of capitalism. Supply and demand. Diversifying labor. Distributing the wealth. "It's groovy, man," Arnold said.

The grass grew, and so did business. Arnold invested my money in many things. One of them was a prizefighter. All of a sudden I was the sponsor of my very own fighter, Joey Pow. That's when my 12th summer got really interesting.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"[A] short and hilarious tale . . . When it comes to telling funny stories about boys, no one surpasses Paulsen, and here he is in top form." —*Booklist*

"Paulsen has mastered the very hard trick of sounding exactly like a twelve-year-old without being either cute or condescending."

—*The New York Times Book Review*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- NOMINEE 2008 - ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers
- NOMINEE 2008 - Texas Bluebonnet Award
- WINNER 2007 - Parents' Choice Award
- WINNER 2008 - New Mexico Land of Enchantment Book Award
- WINNER 2008 - NCSS-CBC Notable Children's Trade Books in the Field of Social Studies
- WINNER 2008 - New Mexico Book Award
- WINNER 2010 - Oklahoma Sequoyah Children's Book Award
- HONOR 2010 - Arkansas Charlie May Simon Award
- WINNER - IRA CBC Children's Choice
- WINNER - New York Public Library Books for the Teen Age
- NOMINEE - Kentucky Bluegrass Award
- NOMINEE - North Carolina Children's Book Award
- NOMINEE - Florida Sunshine State Book Award
- NOMINEE - Indiana Young Hoosier Award
- NOMINEE - New York State Charlotte Award

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- WINNER - Oklahoma Sequoyah Children's Book Award
- NOMINEE - Washington Sasquatch Reading Program
- NOMINEE - Maine Student Book Award
- NOMINEE - New Hampshire Great Stone Face Children's Book Award
- NOMINEE - New Mexico Land of Enchantment Book Award
- WINNER - Texas Bluebonnet Master List
- HONOR - Arkansas Charlie May Simon Award
- NOMINEE - South Carolina Children's Book Award
- NOMINEE - Virginia Young Readers Program Award
- NOMINEE - Wyoming Indian Paintbrush Award

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