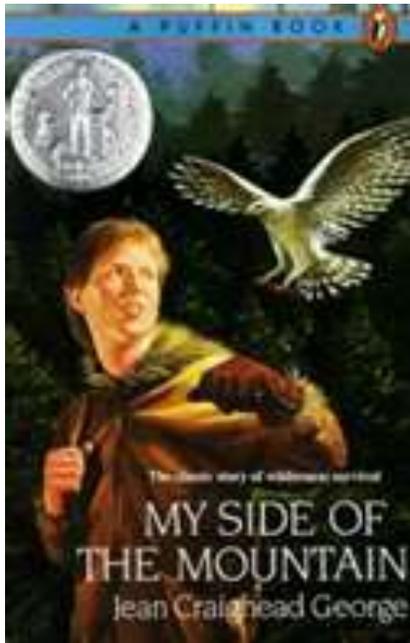


Book Review



Jean Craighead George – *My Side of the Mountain*



Age Appropriateness

6 10 14 16 18+ All **None**

Reading Level

6 10 14 16 18+

Language (Col 3:8; Eph 4:29; Matt 5:37; Titus 2:8)

     One instance of the word “Heck!” (pg. 11) and one instance of the word “darned” (pg. 166)

Mature Themes

     Boy runs away from home, although with his Dad’s permission

False Teaching (Titus 1:10-11)

     None

Violence (1 Tim 3:3; Prov 16 29)

     None

Impurity (Eph 5:5; Isa 64:6; 1 Thes 4:7-8)

     None

Bad Characters (1 Cor 15:33)

     None

“I am on my mountain in a tree home that people have passed without ever knowing that I am here. The house is a hemlock tree six feet in diameter, and must be as old as the mountain itself. I came upon it last summer and dug and burned it out until I made a snug cave in the tree that I now call home.”

Sam Gibley is tired of living in a crowded New York City apartment, so he runs away to the Catskill Mountain wilderness to forge a life of his own. No one takes his plans seriously – except Sam himself. With only a penknife, a ball of cord, forty dollars, and some flint and steel, he must rely on his own ingenuity and on the resources of the land to survive. And survive he does. Alone in the mountains, Sam learns about courage, danger, and the true meaning of companionship, and captures it all in his journal. My Side of the Mountain is the vivid and engrossing account of the year that changes Sam's life.¹

My Side of the Mountain is a great book filled with fascinating information about foraging for food and basic wilderness survival skills. The book is filled with useful illustrations on how Sam built things and some of the plants he ate. This book is definitely worth reading.

2 Thess 3:10 - For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. (NKJV)

Prov 6:6-8 - Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, Provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest. (NKJV)

Major Book Themes

Courage, Preparation, Survival, Wildlife, Companionship

¹ Taken from the back cover of Puffin Book's *My Side of the Mountain*