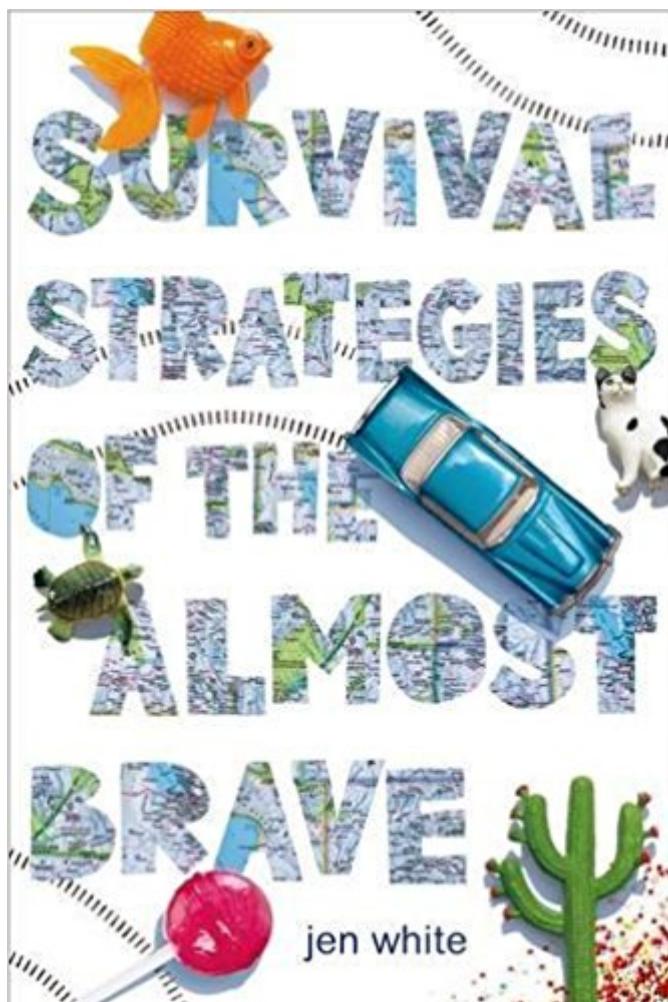


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# Survival Strategies Of The Almost Brave



## Synopsis

After their mother's recent death, twelve-year-old Liberty and her eight-year-old sister, Billie, are sent to live with their father, who they haven't seen since they were very young. Things are great at first; the girls are so excited to get to know their father - a photographer who, for the summer, is travelling around in an RV. But soon, the pressure of parenthood becomes too much for him, and he abandons the girls at the Jiffy Company Gas Station. Instead of waiting for someone to come to their rescue, Liberty takes matters into her own hands. On the sisters' journey to get home, they encounter a menacing gas station attendant, a heavily tattooed trucker, a kid obsessed with Star Wars, a woman who lives with many very unusual pets, and a host of other characters. When all seems lost, they get some help from an unlikely source, and end up learning that sometimes you have to get a little bit lost to be found.

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## Customer Reviews

Really enjoyed this read. So much so, I couldn't put it down. A few days later my wife picked it up, and she also stayed up into the early morning to finish it. Really engaging story, which I think is very valuable for the target audience, but also for adults. One theme I loved from this story, was a message of resilience. I think our life of constant interruption and fast paced movement, doesn't allow us to recognize resilience as a virtue. I like how this book doesn't hide the fact that most

people in life have problems they must get through, and that getting through on the other side, allows us to be, ultimately, happy.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I can honestly say the cover/book jacket pulled me in and the story kept me going. I liked it from Liberty's perspective. I thought the author did a great job of describing Liberty's feelings and emotions through difficult situations, and still love. I liked the format of the book of each chapter being a survival strategy. Great story that I'm excited to share with the elementary age students I serve as a children's librarian.

12-year-old Liberty has always protected her younger sister, Billie, and takes her responsibility as a role model seriously. When the father with whom the girls have recently reunited accidentally leaves them at a gas station far from their home, Liberty must summon every bit of her life knowledge and pluck to figure out their odd situation. Liberty is a competent list-maker, versed in animal kingdom trivia, and has had to be resourceful to navigate the last, painful months in her family's life. With humor and a clear understanding of young girls' emotional lives, White gives young readers a heartfelt adventure with a happy, but not saccharine, ending. I wouldn't mind seeing another Liberty and Billie tale...

Jen White has done an excellent job of portraying the love of two sisters! I was captured by Liberty's ability to calm her temperamental sister. To love her only the way a big sister could. It reminds me of the relationship that my daughters have. I thought it was so clever to name the minor characters by their "role" and not their given names. Lavender Lady had a much stronger mental image than "some lady" in a lavender suit. Well done Jen! Can't wait for the next one!

My 12 years old daughter LOVED this book. She was so involved in this book, she finished reading in a few days. It has fun, funny and very cleverly written parts. And the best part about it, it's CLEAN. I doesn't have all the "baggage" that so many of the tween books have in it with serious love stuff. It's just fun and upbeat, and your tween will enjoy it. ps: don't worry if they don't leave their reading spot for several hours, it's that good.

Fantastic read! Each night I would read 2-3 chapters to our children (1 daughter, 1 son) and they loved it. They couldn't wait for the next night to see what was going to happen. Mrs. White is obviously a very talented writer. We hope her next book is already in the works. My wife and I highly

recommend this book. Well done Jen!!!

A must-read for all Junior High school age students. Thought-provoking, informative, - a real page-turner! Survival strategies invite optimal discussion opportunities about real life situations to which students can relate.

Exciting adventure that keeps your attention and makes you fall in love with the characters. A great read even though it's for middle school age. Very well written. Loved it from the first chapter to the last.

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