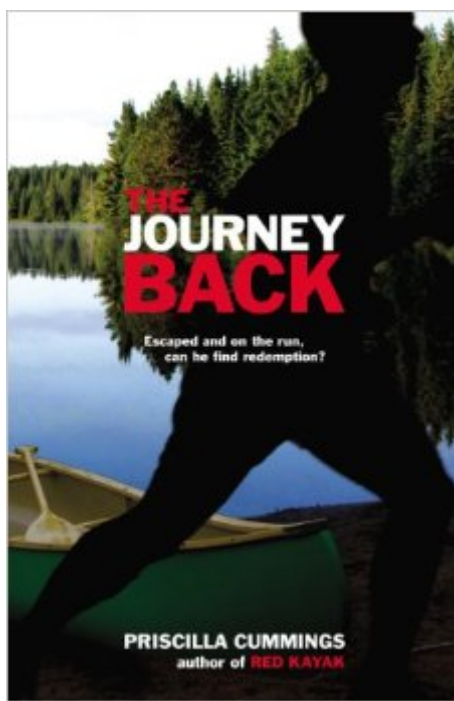


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Synopsis

A teenage boy faces his past and seeks redemption in the gripping companion book to *Red Kayak*. Nine months in a juvenile detention facility was the punishment for his crime. After just a month he makes a bold escape that nearly kills him and soon an angry fourteen-year-old Digger is on the run. When injuries stop him, Digger hides at a riverside campground, where he befriends a young boy and a girl his own age. New friends, a job caring for rescued horses, and risking his life to save another make Digger realize that the journey back is not just about getting home. But he comes to terms with his troubled past and faces what he's really running from?

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Customer Reviews

This book stands alone, but having read *Red Kayak*, my middle school class was thrilled to find this book. They loved the action and the suspense. I liked the fact that, again, Ms. Cummings shows clearly how small choices lead to big consequences. I think that *Red Kayak* and *The Journey Back* should be required reading for all middle school boys.

THE JOURNEY BACK is the story of "Digger" Griswald. He's on the run after escaping a youth detention center where he is serving time for the death of a young boy, the result of a prank gone awry. Digger wants to get home to help protect his mother and siblings from his abusive father. In this, the follow-up novel to RED KAYAK, author Priscilla Cummings tracks Digger's escape path through rural Maryland as he faces one obstacle after another. An

exciting read for young adults, Cummings tells a suspenseful tale filled with hard lessons and tender moments. Yes, a coming of age story, but one with emotional twists and turns that will keep your mind wondering what's next and your heart pounding for a young boy searching for inner peace. THE JOURNEY BACK is a great emotional trek but even better if you precede it with RED KAYAK.

I teach middle school English. As a class we read The Red Kayak. My students loved that book, then we realized that there was a sequel, "The Journey Back". We also read this novel as a class. I have never read a book that has kept the attention of ALL of my students like this book. It is thoughtful, well written and about topics that are meaningful and thought provoking.

I live in Maryland. I can picture the places in the story. In addition to connecting to the setting, I think this is an action packed story of one young man's journey to finding himself. It's an excellent read for middle school kids. It is a sequel.

This is an excellent book for young and old alike. An insightful author who clearly hears and understands the beating of the human heart, Priscilla Cummings weaves a tale of anger, desperation, growth, and redemption through memorable characters and startling events. I thoroughly enjoyed this book which I will share with my daughter.

Recently read this book with my 7th grade class. An excellent sequel to the Red Kayak. There were parts in the book that actually made me cry. This book starts off right where the other one leaves off. My kids were so excited to find out what happened to the characters and enjoyed the book as much as I did.

This book is a sequel to The Red Kayak. My family read the book while driving on one of our family vacations and the kids could not put it down. It prompted a family discussion on what's right and what's wrong and allowed me to ask my children what they would do in different situations. My son who is 11 yrs old recommends this book and The Red Kayak to all his friends.

I enjoyed the book Red Kayak, so I decided to read the sequel. It was a great book, but it did not touch base on J.T or Brady, 2 main characters in red kayak. The book is about Digger only. It is still a good book but could be better if it included all characters.

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