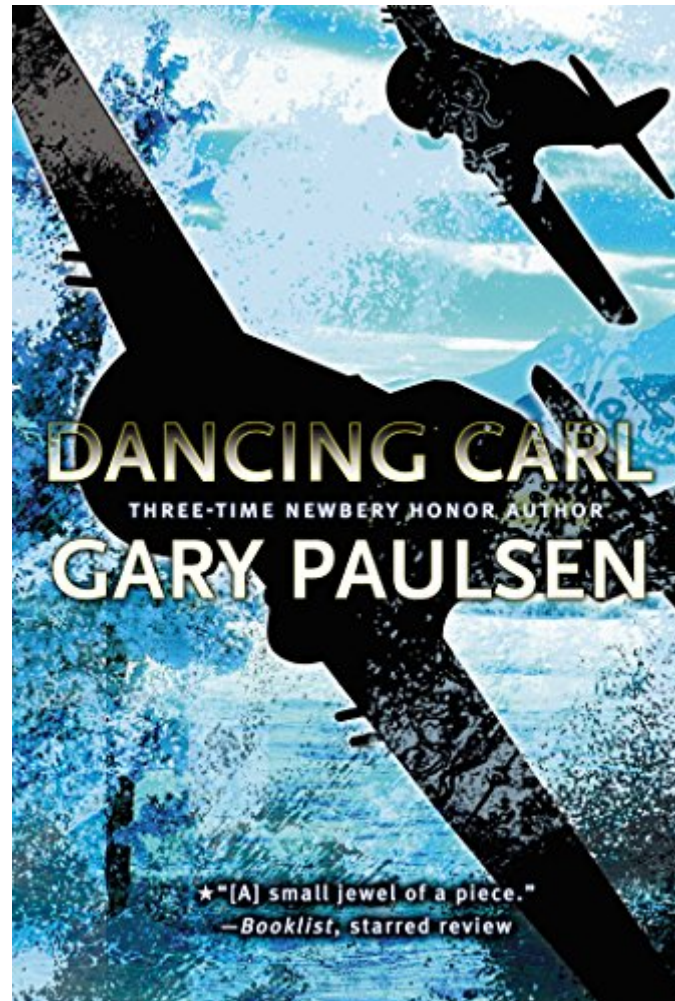




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Dancing Carl, Gary Paulsen's first novel, was a ALA Best Book for Young Adults and a Notable Children's Trade Book for the Language Arts. In the winter, life in McKinley, Minnesota, revolves around the rinks, where kids play hockey and grown-ups skate to scratchy phonograph records. Then, the year Marsh and his best friend, Willy, are twelve, Carl appears at the rink, wearing a battered, old leather flight jacket and doing a strange dance that is both beautiful and disturbing to watch. It is Marsh and Willy who discover the terrible secret behind Carl's dance, a secret that threatens to destroy him. But a small miracle occurs, and Carl's dance becomes a fragile and tentative expression of hope and the healing power of love.

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I used this book for my ESL reading class and they enjoyed it. It is not a long read but there is ample material for serious discussions on mental health, community, relationships, teenage boys, small towns, and a myriad of other topics. The vocabulary is often idiomatic which is another

opportunity to add to discrete word knowledge and cultural allusions.

Another great book from Gary Paulsen. If you like his book "Hatchet" then you should give this one a read.

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My son loves it

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