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Books from My Backpack

What does Laurie have in her backpack this time...

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Often I get asked about what books I like to read on my wilderness canoeing and backpacking trips. Non-fiction books are already covered in the Book Reviews section of our site so I thought that it might be interesting to tell you what fictional tales I've read of late.

"In the blue before sunrise, Willa drank the last of her tea while it was still hot. Quiet sat like a bell jar over the world. The stove ticked. Willa pondered. She began trembling. She could not match the massive cold and emptiness. There was no help, no life support."

The Winter Road by Terry Hokenson is my latest read. This is the survival story of a troubled girl named Willa who is in her late teens. She takes her Uncle's plane without permission but with good intentions and ends up crashing in the Artic.

This is a story of survival and self-discovery. This book had a truth to it and I almost felt as if I were reading a non-fiction account. After awhile Bryan came looking for me. I was riveted and couldn't put this one down. This book would make an excellent and inspiring gift for a young adult.

I'd tell you more but I don't want to ruin the story — this one is a must read.

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