

The gun by paul langan (bluford series)



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A central idea in *The Gun* is wanting revenge usually creates more problems than it solves. One of the lessons Tyray learns by the end of the story is that the best way to deal with painful feelings is to share them with loved ones. When Tyray first met Darrell Mercer, Tyray considered Darrell the perfect target for bullying. Lark initially lends Tyray money because he says he needs to buy his mother a necklace for her birthday. In a letter to Tyray, Warren says that he wants Tyray to avoid getting in trouble because prison is bad. When Tyray approaches Cedric, Len, Shamar, and Eddie, they taunt him and throw his jacket onto a building. Bones reveals to Tyray that he has cancer. The end of the story suggests that Tyray's father will probably try to spend more time talking to Tyray than yelling at him. We can infer that the next time Tyray sees Lark, he will probably apologize for having lied to her and tell her the whole truth. Based on the final scene between Tyray and Darrell, we can assume that the boys will no longer be enemies. The main character of *The Gun* is Tyray. Where is Tyray's older brother Warren? in prison. Who tries to help Tyray at school? Mr. Mitchell. Who gives Tyray the money for his first gun? Lark. Where does Tyray get money for the second gun? he stole it from his mother. When Darrell sees Tyray pointing the gun at his own head, what happens? Darrell knocked the gun away. Who told Tyray, "What goes around comes around?" Jamee. Who is the wrestling coach at Bluford High? Coach Lewis. As Tyray shoved the gun in Darrell's face, what did he think to himself? He had really messed up his life. How did Tyray lose his reputation of being a bully? Darrell knocked Tyray's tray out of his hands. What does Tyray want for revenge? a forty dollar gun. Who does Tyray go to first for the gun? Bones. Who does Tyray go to second for his gun? boys playing basketball in the neighborhood. How did he lose the money? he got beat in the back of the

head and robbed Where did Bone put the gun? by the trash can He learned bullying from his father Tyray's father had been a football player. What did Tyray and his dad have in common? They earned poor grades. A small, weak, new kid is a good target for a bully What was Tyray in danger of? Tyray was in danger of being expelled Ms. Spencer is Tyray's high school principal. According to Tyray, all he needs is a gun to solve his problems. What is Warren's hope for Tyray? He hopes that Tyray learns from Warren's mistakes. Why did Lark loan Tyray money? She believed it was to buy a gift for his mother