

Nation

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This novel takes place in an island which seems to be in the Pacific Ocean. The book begins with the creation myth of this island, which is a motif repeated very often in throughout the book. The beginning is slightly confusing because the time period in which the book takes place is not stated. The story also takes place in two separate locations in the beginning. Later in the plot, the story only takes place on the island.

Mau is going through a rite of manhood, where he has to go on an isolated island and come back with a canoe that he made from the trees on the island. However, a huge tsunami comes and kills everyone in Mau's village except for him. In the nearby ocean, Captain Robert's British ship has been hit by the wave as well, and the only survivor is a girl named Ermintrude.

The two survivors end up on the same island, and find each other. At first, they do not speak the same language, they do not wear the same clothes, and Ermintrude has been brought up in a prejudiced way. However, as time goes on, they become more accustomed to each other and start to work together. Mau's knowledge of the land and resources, along with Ermintrude's technology allow for them to thrive. Soon they learn each other's language, and Ermintrude, who does not like her name, tell Mau that her name is Daphne. Later, more survivors come and the survivors make a small village together and the survivors overcome many challenges.

In the end, Daphne is rescued by her father, and the rest of the survivors are educated and

This book is very interesting to read, and I would recommend it as a gift or a book to borrow from the library. I would recommend this book for anyone who can read decently, and I would encourage anyone who can read decently well to read this book. This book provides an interesting view of the mix between cultures and there is an interesting trivia section in the back. I would recommend other survival books, such as *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen.