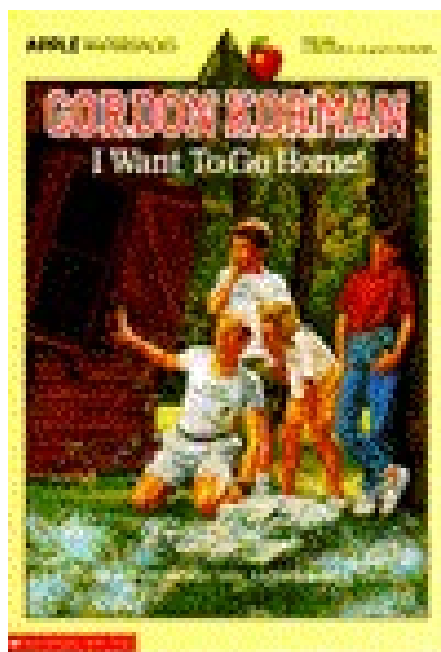




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I Want to Go Home! Details

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Mylie Bucyrus says

Still as funny and enjoyable as when I read it as a kid. Great read.

Jamie says

This book was, for many, many years, my favourite book of all time. My earliest memory of it was of getting in major trouble for laughing out loud while reading it under my desk in 5th grade, but that copy was already tattered.

Even though the book is out of print, I suggest that you track it down. This is one of the funniest books I have ever read.

Tayyaba (Tubz) says

This book is literally a part of my childhood. It was read to me by my grade 5 teacher, and ever since i've loved this book and recommend it to everyone. I remember every part because i've read it over a billion times and it never fails to amuse me even though i'm 17 right now. But age is merely a number when it comes to this book I'm so glad I have my own copy and Gordon Korman is by far one of my favourite authors.

Phil Jensen says

Gordon Korman published this, his fifth or sixth novel, at the age of eighteen. Most 18 year olds are out writing manifestoes against the wickedness of the generation before them or nihilistic rants about their own future. Korman was way cooler than that. He penned a fluffy Wodehousian comedy pointing well-intentioned mockery at the institution of summer camps.

There is a brief call-out to The Fall of the House of Usher and a lot of parallels to Bartleby the Scrivener, but truly this is just a wacky story about kids who hate being stuck in a cabin with fake-cheerful counselors who force them into mandatory fun. If you were ever forced to "enjoy" a volleyball game when you would've rather been on your couch at home, then this book is for you.

Lana. says

It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a boy in possession of a summer vacation, must want to camp... at least that's the philosophy of Camp Algonkian. Wait until they meet Rudy Miller, who doesn't do camp or much anything else... except attempts to escape.

Hilariously funny read as a child and still pretty amusing re-read as an adult. Though some aspects might be

rather quaint and dated (1981 with no cell phones! No swearing!), the light-hearted comic wackiness of Korman's world (unbelievable as it is) still stands well. Should still be good to read with or to, albeit a slightly younger age group than probably originally intended.

Anushka says

Picked up a second hand copy of the book at a pet fair... fairly inconspicuous. Until you start reading that is.

Definitely near the top of my 'all time favourite', a must read and an immediate mood lifter. Comedy and hilarity at its best!!!!

(One of) My Favourite Quote(s)

Rudy: Thar she blows

Mike: Thar what blows? *sits up* Rudy! There nothing blows! There's no wind! We have no wind!!!

Also noted for the generous use of the insults 'Nut' and 'Twit'.

Read the book and didn't like it? Work Detail! For having no sense of humour. :P

ALEX!!!! Hulbert says

This book is all about a kid named Rudy Miller and how he wants to go home. Rudy is a very intelligent kid, but his is lazy most of the time. His parents sent him to a summer camp on Algonkian Island for part of the summer. He pulls various thought out tricks to try and get him sent home. He went as far as trying to steal a boat and drive away at night while everyone is sleeping. On all of tricks he pulled and got caught for doing his punishment was working in the cafeteria.

This book is very funny. It is very realistic with the description and events that take place. One of the best events that take place is when Rudy sets up a huge pillow fight in one of the cabins. I would recommend this book to anyone boys or girls that like humorous books. This honestly book just keeps you wanting to read it. Overall read this book!

Jordan Halsey says

I received this book from some kind of children's book club that I don't remember ever joining, but I'm definitely glad that it happened. This was my favorite book for the longest time. I read it so many times that the cover fell off. In essence it's the story of Rudy Miller and Mike Webster who are spending a summer at Camp Algonkian Island... but would rather not. The main plot of the book involves their various efforts to escape, efforts complicated by the fact that the camp IS on an island. This book had a huge impact on me as

for a long time I (somewhat) unconsciously modeled myself on Rudy. I definitely wanted to be that kid. Like all of Korman's work, it is tremendously funny, and a few shades deeper than most books for kids. Highly recommended.

People5accountant.com says

There was this boy named Rudy Miller and his high school guidance teacher wrote a letter to Rudy's parents to tell them that he should go to camp at Algonkian Island. Rudy went to camp. At first he didn't like it. He just wanted to be left alone, sleep, and play chess. When Rudy got to camp he chose not to play any sports, and he met a new friend named Mike Webster. They both tried to leave the camp many times but failed to do so. Rudy was a modest and a skilled person at the same time, but he didn't want to perform any activities. Rudy and Mike both tried to ruin camp and get into trouble so they would have to go back home, but that didn't work, so they tried get off the island by taking a boat off the island. When they got into trouble they had to do work detail. They both like being on work detail because they did not want to be with the campers. Rudy and Mike got some peace and alone time when they got work detail.

Rudy Miller did not want to do anything at camp in the beginning, but when he did he was very good at the games when he played like it was like baseball, soccer, kickball, swimming, he was the fastest swimmer.

This book was a funny book, and I would recommend it to any boys or girls ages 10-17 who want to read a funny book.

Meg says

This was my absolute favourite book as a kid. Sadly my non-reader of a mother tossed out my childhood book collection including my Korman books. Imagine my delight when I found a second hand copy of the second edition on Amazon recently! And it is still hilarious! A great book which I can't wait to pass onto my nieces and nephews when they get a little older.

Christy says

Still funny all these years later.

Joel Tone says

I read I Want to Go Home! to my kids. The whole family was laughing their heads off throughout the book. I Want to Go Home! is the story of Rudy Miller's attempts to escape from Camp Algonkian where he's been sent for a summer of fun.

One of the things that really strikes me as a grown-up re-reading Gordon Korman's books is that there are no villains in his stories. This isn't a hippie elf peace circle thing, it's that the antagonists have conflicting, but valid, viewpoints. In this case, Rudy wants to go home because he really doesn't want to be at camp and his

counselors want to keep him there because they are responsible for his well-being and can't just let him run away.

This book was not the best choice for bedtime reading as Chip the counselor does yell a lot, which keeps kids from drifting off to sleep (unless you know how to yell quietly). Nevertheless it was a ton of fun to laugh together as a family at Rudy's dry commentary on camp life.

Ashley Capes says

As a boy, this book made me laugh *every single time I read it*.

That's easily one of the best things I can think of getting from a story, and because it gave me hours and hours of happiness, there's no way I can rate it lower than five stars.

In *I Want to Go Home!* Rudy Miller is a gifted but easily bored and mischievous kid who has been sent to an island athletic camp where he proceeds to drive the entire staff mad with both his apathy and his cheeky escape attempts.

Part of what makes it so amusing is counselor Chip's reactions and Rudy's quips, but situation-wise it's funny too. Even as an Australian kid with no real experience of such a camp set up, I was totally on board with Korman's book because I could relate to the characters so easily.

Now, I haven't read in a couple of years and then, as an adult, it was still funny. I probably didn't laugh out loud as much as I used to, but it still had the goods. Worth hunting for.

Wayne says

One of my all time favorite books. Still makes me laugh out loud.

Rudy Miller is a gifted natural athlete, but hates sports. He is also cynical, sarcastic, and apathetic. So his parents, on the advice of his school guidance counselor send him to camp for the summer. Rudy butts heads immediately with the overly enthusiastic camp counselors and hilarity ensues. Along with his equally unhappy friend Mike Webster, he decides to escape from the camp. Gordon Korman at his best.

Kazuo says

This book was... awesome. That is the only way I can describe the hilarious hijinks that lay within without spoiling the entire book.

[Spoiler]

One example of hilarious is something that Rudy writes on a sheet of paper and then tapes to Harold Greene's pillow: *Betwixt these sheets sleepeth ye biggest twit in Ontario*.

Heather says

I no longer recognize teen angst. It is so full of werewolves, it bears no resemblance to either being a teen or feeling angst. And so I reread I Want to Go Home because it's about the kind of things that caused ME angst -- namely, summer camp.

Sometimes I think the secret of YA fiction is to read "boy books." If this had been written for girls, it would be about how summer camp is so awful because Girl A has to be away from her boyfriend and Girl B wants this other boy to like her who's also at camp and Girl C is trying to lose 10 pounds and Girl D is mean until her terrible secret comes out and we learn she's really anorexic. And then it would wrap up with a romance, and special lessons about growing up, self acceptance, and eating disorders.

But since it was written for boys, it's about how summer camp is awful because people are ridiculous; and the smarter you are, the more ridiculous they seem; and it's funny and weird. Which book would you rather read?

Christine says

This was my absolute favorite book when I was eleven years old in Ontario, and I was brokenhearted when my paperback copy actually became too disgusting to read (stains, torn pages, mildew from reading it in the shower). I know it was reissued in recent years but I hated the new, "modern" cover. Gimme the original artwork! So imagine my surprise and total delight when, seventeen years after I first enjoyed it, I discovered a very good copy of my original version in a used book store in Yangpu district, Shanghai, China for RMB 8.00 (\$1.30), worlds away from my Canadian childhood.

I WANT TO GO HOME is exactly as I remember, full of fun and shenanigans from young antisocial curmudgeon Rudy Miller and his sidekick Mike. I adored Rudy as a kid because I identified with his antisocial tendencies -- he preferred his own space and doing his own thing, and hated the forced camaraderie of summer camp and the constant perkiness of the camp counsellors, especially Chip (oh, poor Chip). But Rudy is no "loser" -- when forced to take part in things, he EXCELS and blows everyone away. What shy kid doesn't have such fantasies? Rudy is determined to escape from summer camp hell, and his attempts to do so are laugh out loud funny. You're rooting for this boy the whole time -- so it comes as a complete surprise what he choose to do in the end.

I wish this book were still in print for a new generation for readers. I personally think it stands the test of time, as do most of the 72 reviewers on Amazon (and I'm amazed how much a good used copy of the book costs there!).

Rebecca Rosenblum says

I bought this for a young friend on the basis of many happy readings as a kid--but then I panicked, thinking maybe this kid's parent wouldn't approve of the book. So I reread the gift copy (bad!) and still loved it as I ever did, but I do worry that a parent might think the book is a bad influence. The kids break the rules ALL THE TIME, although the point is made that they are very honest and only catch the authority figures out in

their own foolishness. It's actually very gentle comedy and everyone's heart is in the right place, but still not a model of good behaviour. I'll still give it to the young lady and see what she thinks...hopefully it'll be ok.

Lisa says

Hysterical, barring any natural disasters.

Ruby Hollyberry says

Gordon Korman's best books, of which this is one, are spit-your-coffee-at-the-cat hilarious. Almost every sentence in the book is funnier than the last. The general themes of this one, I would say, are the effective limits to the usefulness of stubbornness as a policy, and the awkwardness of possessing an unwieldy amount of genius. But don't listen to that, just go read it. Recommended to adults who want a chuckle as well as children.
