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Review

“*Leaving Blythe River* is a thoughtful tale of self-discovery set among the brutal and beautiful mountainous wilderness of the Blythe River Range. Beautiful and breathtaking, this novel stays with readers long after the last page is read.” —**RT Book Reviews, Top Pick**

“Catherine Ryan Hyde is back with an adventure read that tugs at the heart.” —**Sunset Magazine**

“This courageous story of nature and a tumultuous father-son relationship is one of this year’s most moving reads.” —**Working Mother magazine**

About the Author

Catherine Ryan Hyde is the author of thirty published and forthcoming books. Her bestselling 1999 novel *Pay It Forward*, adapted into a major Warner Bros. motion picture starring Kevin Spacey and Helen Hunt, made the American Library Association’s Best Books for Young Adults list and was translated into more than two dozen languages for distribution in more than thirty countries. Her novels *Becoming Chloe* and *Jumpstart the World* were included on the ALA’s Rainbow List; *Jumpstart the World* was also a finalist for two Lambda Literary Awards and won Rainbow Awards in two categories. More than fifty of her short stories have been published in many journals, including the *Antioch Review*, *Michigan Quarterly Review*, the *Virginia Quarterly Review*, *Ploughshares*, *Glimmer Train*, and the *Sun*, and in the anthologies *Santa Barbara Stories* and *California Shorts* and the bestselling anthology *Dog Is My Co-Pilot*. Her short fiction received honorable mention in the Raymond Carver Short Story Contest, a second-place win for the Tobias Wolff Award, and nominations for *Best American Short Stories*, the O. Henry Award, and the Pushcart Prize. Three have also been cited in *Best American Short Stories*.

Ryan Hyde is also founder and former president of the Pay It Forward Foundation. As a professional public speaker, she has addressed the National Conference on Education, twice spoken at Cornell University, met with AmeriCorps members at the White House, and shared a dais with Bill Clinton.

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