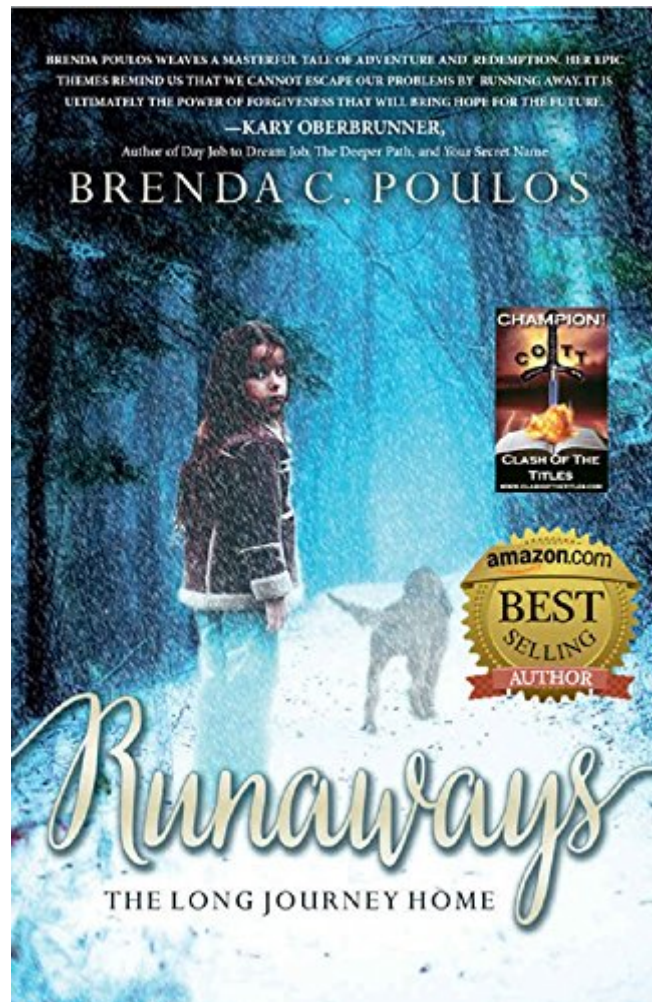


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# Runaways: The Long Journey Home



## Synopsis

No Mama. An abusive father. A hound dog for a best friend. A victim of physical and emotional abuse at the hand of his father, Jake runs away following the most severe beating he's ever endured. Leaving the only home he's ever known in the backwoods of the Appalachian Mountains, he escapes into unknown territory with only his dog beside him. Jake and Hound face bitter cold and near starvation as they seek a new life--one free from fear, loneliness, and pain. And Father hunts Jake down with the very rifle he used to kill Sam and Mama. Led by unseen forces. Protected by his dog. Jake experiences acceptance and unconditional love when he is befriended by a kindly older couple. But, will he be able to put his past problems behind him and embrace a future made possible through the power of forgiveness? Will he find a new life filled with hope for the future and learn to trust? And when he is confronted with the biggest decision of his life, will he choose to runaway, again, or face his father?

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## Customer Reviews

This is an epic page turner. From page one I was immersed in the story. Brenda's writing is face paced and has a wonderful flow. Thank you for this wonderful book leading to God's grace despite

the reality of painful circumstances.

I was a bit confused by the plural title when I began reading the book, however, part way through I suddenly realized what the author meant and realized that the title was spot on. I don't want to give any spoilers, so let me put it this way. For me, the book began rather slowly, but as it picked up momentum, it went in a few directions I was definitely not expecting. Brenda definitely paid attention to the little details as she crafted a unique story that speaks to the heart. All I can tell you is, pay attention to the details... I'm looking forward to her next book.

Brenda Poulos weaves a masterful tale of adventure and redemption. Her epic themes remind us that we cannot escape our problems by running away. It is ultimately the power of forgiveness that will bring hope for the future.

The opening description of the characters in *Runaways* quickly draws you in to want to read more about who they are and what caused the fracturing of a family. The importance of trust and forgiveness resonate through out the story.

*Runaways* is a book you won't be able to put down. The writing style of Brenda Poulos will pull you in as if you're a main part of the story. You will be on the edge of your seat in anticipation of what's coming next. And I'd bet the emotions of the characters will be felt throughout and will touch your heart. Wow! Perhaps a top-rated movie in the future? A+!

Heart Wrenching Suspense, Intensity, Unfolding Drama--*Runaways: The Long Journey Home* is a page turning tale you will not willingly put down, until you have experienced the full feast of how Brenda Poulos weaves the resolution around the intricacies of young Jake's runaway dilemma. This is a story of pain. This is a story of love. This is a story of redemption. But most of all, this is a story in which you may find you can't help becoming emotionally vested in the outcome.

Brenda Poulos should be a best-selling author! She is a masterful writer. Her ability to develop characters within the context of a compelling and spell-binding story is captivating. If you are looking for a fun read that will leave you wanting more, *Runaways* is a great selection. You'll read this and find yourself recommending it to your friends.

This is a book that grips your heart right from the start with a little boy who is running from an abusive father. Right from the beginning, you are there among the characters; all senses are stimulated by Poulusâ™s writing talents. The ending is what brings a powerful message. You will love the message of this book.

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