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Sam from the novel <i>My Side of the Mountain</i>	Michael from the novel <i>Kensuke's Kingdom</i>
<p>BRAVE Survives a frightening snowstorm by building a shelter in a tree</p> <p>RESOURCEFUL Learns how to season food simply by trying out a method of creating salt that he has read about in one of his wilderness books.</p> <p>INDEPENDENT Despite his father thinking he will return home within a day he lives alone in the mountains for a long time before they come to find him</p>	<p>BRAVE Falls overboard but manages to make it to an island and survive</p> <p>RESOURCEFUL Learns how to paint, how to hunt fish with a spear and where to forage for the best food (like the red bananas)</p> <p>INDEPENDENT Makes a plan to seek help by sending out the message in the bottle</p>

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<p>PAINFUL PAST Had a miserable childhood with a father who didn't love him.</p>	<p>PAINFUL PAST Fought in the war and believed his whole family died in the atomic bomb attack on Nagasaki</p>
<p>CRUEL AND MEAN Hated Christmas, treated people badly. Cared about nothing but money.</p>	<p>CRUEL AND MEAN Wanted to be alone. Was hateful and angry when Michael arrived and didn't want him to stay.</p>
<p>TRANSFORMATION By seeing the world through the eyes of the ghosts Scrooge became a caring and compassionate man.</p>	<p>TRANSFORMATION By getting to know Michael, Kensuke was able to confide in him about his past and teach him how to survive</p>

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<p>Tiny Tim from the novel <i>A Christmas Carol</i></p>	<p>Peggy from the novel <i>Under the Hawthorn Tree</i></p>
<p>PROTECTED BY FAMILY Because of his illness his family and in particular his father are very protective of him. His dad carries him around on his shoulders.</p> <p>ILLNESS or INJURY He suffers from illness and walks with crutches. He is very sick and weak.</p> <p>BRUSH WITH DEATH The Ghost of Christmas Future shows us he will die if Scrooge doesn't change his ways. In the end he survives.</p>	<p>PROTECTED BY FAMILY Because she is young and very innocent her mother and Eily try to shield her from the frightening situation they are in because of the famine.</p> <p>ILLNESS or INJURY Peggy is attacked by dogs during the children's journey to find Aunt Nano and Lena .</p> <p>BRUSH WITH DEATH She becomes sick with fever and Michael and Eily are terrified she will die. Thankfully she survives.</p>