Book Recommendation

I read the book The Crossing by Gary Paulson. The book is about a 14 year old boy named Manny who lives on the streets of Mexico. The book illustrates what it’s like to live on the streets without a family to care for you or any money to purchase food and clothes with. I thought the book was O.K. It seemed way too short to me and I was never really interested. There were a few good tense moments in the book but other than that it’s not really captivating at all. I did, however, like how the book was very serious and gave the reader a good idea of what it’s really like to be a homeless boy living on the streets, from begging tourists for money daily to being chased by gang members. I think the book could have been better if it had more detail and more exciting moments. I also think it could have been better if it was maybe 50 pages longer. It seemed like there was a lot of plot crammed into a short book and that it never went into detail on anything that could have maybe used it. For example I though the intro to the story was short and hardly provided any information on Manny’s early childhood or on his parents, I think adding those things would have made the reader more attached to Manny and make the reader be more interested in the book. I would recommend this book to people who would like to learn about what it’s like to be homeless or somebody who wants to read a short easy book. I would probably give the book a 7/10 rating because although I thought it could have been longer and needed more exciting moments it still was very informative and showed how bad a life some people have.