Book Recommendation

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The book Stripes of the Sidestep Wolf by Sonya Hartnett is about an unemployed 23 year old man with the name of Satchel O’Rye, who lives at home in his father’s shut down gas station with mom and dad. His father shut down the gas station because he believes that God will help them when they are in time of need. He would leave home but he feels responsible for his mother who is a nurse that works very hard to earn her money. He also feels responsible for his father who is a very religious person. Satchel and his parents struggle all the time to make ends meet. They barely have enough money to eat. One day while outside chopping wood in a nearby mountain Satchel sees a striped animal, the sidestep wolf, or the Tasmanian tiger that is thought to be extinct throughout Australia. Satchel thinks that this could make his life ten times better if he finds it and proves that it’s not extinct for money. One day, Satchel’s dog is hit by a car and he thinks to himself that he really needs the money now to keep his dog alive. Another reason he wants to save this Sidestep Wolf is because he believes that the wolf is struggling to get food out in the wilderness all alone, and would be better off with humans watching over the wolf and getting proper care.

I really liked this book because it is about a personal adventure, an adventure to get the money he really needed to save something he loves. I think that this was a very interesting because Satchel O’Rye has to make a big decision on whether to catch the sidestep wolf and turn it in to get money to pay for treatment for his dog, and helping with all his parents bills, or he can choose to protect the sidestep wolf and leave it be.   
  
 I would recommend this book to anyone who likes an adventure, or a book about people making decisions. I think that people who would like an adventure would like this book because it really is an adventure and one huge decision to either help his family and his dog out a lot by paying for medical treatment, bills, food, etc. The other option would be to save the sidestep wolf from possibly becoming extinct if he chooses not to catch it.