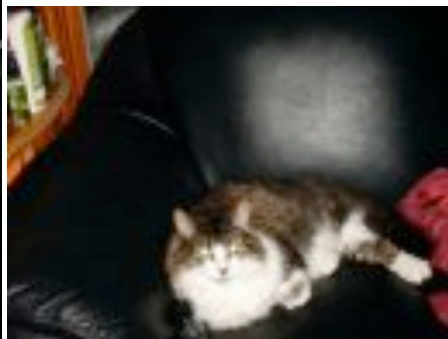


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When he was just a little boy, he believed that boys were purchased by their parents at The Boys' Store -- you know, The Boys' Store where you can, of course, buy boys, take them home and raise them, just as girls are acquired at The Girls' Store!. He actually believed that up until he had Mr. Cox for Health in 8th grade! (just kidding!) Anyway, one day the little boy got upset with his parents because they wouldn't let him get some new Pokemon cards, and he announced, "Then I'm going back to The Boys' Store to return myself!" Today this boy is fifteen years old. He's six feet plus, has a mouth full of expensive metal, and wears t-shirts with Linkin Park, Underoath and Coheed & Cambria slogans. And, if you look closely enough, many of these shirts have tiny holes in the shoulders, bonus love taps from his Maine Coon cat, Hyperglide. By now, you've probably guessed that I'm talking about your my own son who is none other than Logan Hastings Bancroft Boucher - not to be confused with a law firm. That is his real name!

Since I live with Logan, I didn't have to ask him too many questions for this interview. It's cheating, I know, but I didn't have another subject with whom some of you might relate, and I promise to model all written assignments that I give to you. Logan lives in two modest little homes in West Paris, the one with his dad where he has resided since his birth on December 8th, 1993, and another with me and his feline "sibling" Hyperglide. "My dad is an old hippie who used to listen to weird music like Jethro Tull's 'Bungle in the Jungle'," he'd tell you if you were to ask him about his father. He doesn't dare to say anything too uncomplimentary about me, his mom, because he knows he'd end up riding the bus to school daily. "Hyperglide is a cat food processor," he'd tell you if you asked about his pet. Still, he loves her and lets her share his pillow nightly.



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**Favorite things? Hmmm! Logan has a few. Through the years Logan has graduated from Thomas the Tank Engine, Pokemon, Yu-gi-oh and World of Warcraft phases to his current phase which is whatever he does online while listening to scream music. He loves computers and spends a lot of time online - when his homework is done. In the food category, I'm glad to say that he's finally branched off from what used to be an extremely picky stage, and now eats a much larger variety of foods, hence he fits the meaning of his name, which is "little hollow". Basically he'll eat anything that is covered in barbecue sauce, and Logan, like many of you, thinks that Pop Tarts are a food group!**

**He also enjoys school and rarely misses a day. In eighth grade he missed three days in a row because of oral surgery where he had six teeth removed. "I thought it would be great to eat only ice cream and scrambled eggs for a week, but I got pretty tired of it. I also had to miss the school ski trip." That bothered him because he is a good skier. "I'd better be since my dad sells ski equipment!" he said. He's not into organized sports, however, but instead has competed on the school math team for the past three years at the middle school and at OHCHS. "I'll probably do that again this year and I think the Strategy Club is fun, too. I'm also in chorus and in my free time I'm learning to play the acoustic and electric guitar. I have a beginner model electric guitar, but I'm saving up for a better one." To earn money, Logan and his dad buy used books and sell them on Amazon. "We can buy a book for fifty cents at a yard sale and sell it for \$20!"**



**Logan has traveled a fair amount in his fifteen years. Besides Maine, he's been to Canada twice to visit Prince Edward Island during summer camping trips. In the 4th grade he traveled the entire East Coast in a motorhome, visiting family and friends along the way. Classmate Adam Roy accompanied him on that trip which included several days in Disney World.**

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In 2007 he and his parents went to the Dominican Republic where he tried para-sailing and snorkeling. “The WCSH news anchors, Lee Nelson and Cindy Williams were at the same resort where we stayed, “ Logan reminded me. “They borrowed our snorkeling equipment, even!” Last year he spent February vacation with me in New York City in a 40th floor apartment, and he spent April vacation with his dad at his aunt’s in Florida. Mostly, though, Logan stays close to home and camps a lot at the family’s seasonal campsite in Locke Mills. He also sometimes spends time at his grandparents’ island on Sebago Lake which is where he spent a week this past summer along with his good friend, Nick LaCasse and his cousin, the infamous Ben Brown.



So then the subject changed to embarrassing moments and little known facts about this Mysterious Fluffy Thing, as I like to call him. “Right now you are witnessing my most recent embarrassing moment, if you haven’t already guessed. My mom is standing before you revealing my innermost secrets! From what I gather, it isn’t the first time and I fear that it won’t be the last! As for a little known fact, I am proud of getting good grades and don’t understand why so many people won’t even try, when they clearly have the ability to do well in school. I hear this from my mom all of the time and I have to say I agree with her, even though it may not be cool to agree with your mom!”

I could go on and on extolling the virtues of my son, Logan, but he is begging me to stop and I do need to leave something to the imagination. Some of his friends, in turn, may know things about him that might surprise or even shock me! Still, he’s my son and in my opinion a great kid. Nearly his only fault is that he hates to have his hair cut and he disagrees with me that he has beautiful eyes, which is the reason I make him cut his hair from time to time! So, if you are currently a friend of Logan’s, thanks for helping to make him the person he is today and don’t kid him too much about this essay. If you do

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not yet know Logan, please take the time to get to know him. I am pretty confident that you won't regret it.

