You Can’t Judge a Book by Its Cover…
But Can You Judge a Book by Its First Line?

The boy with fair hair lowered himself down the last few feet of rock and began to pick his way toward the lagoon.

Answer the following questions, basing your answer on the sentence above.

1. What do you think this book is likely to be about? What led you to this prediction?

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2. What kind of book do you expect it will be (a mystery, a romance…)?

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3. What is the book’s setting (contemporary or historical, city or country, etc.)?

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4. What type of people are the book’s characters likely to be?

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5. Do you think you would be interested in reading this book? Why or why not?

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6. Use your research skills to determine the title and author of the book from which this first line was taken:
   TITLE __________________________________
   AUTHOR ________________________________

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Now you can be the author. Write the rest of the first page, using the first line above as your starting point.

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