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In the book *Whirligig* by Paul Fleischman, there was a lot of cause and effect going on. The majority of the book is actually an effect. I am going to talk about those causes and effects.

This book started out with a negative effect. The man character, Brent, ends up killing a girl while driving drunk. This is the main cause for the whole book. It is also the biggest cause in the book because it affects so many people. It makes the girl's family mad and sad, it makes Brent depressed, and it makes Brent's parents angry at him.

For the rest of the book, there are a lot of good actions. Brent goes around the country making whirligigs. Whirligigs are wind-powered machines with propellers and moving parts. These whirligigs make a lot of people happy. One was given to a hostel for the front porch. Another to an artist for her house. One of them was made around children, and one child became interested in whirligigs.

Towards the end of the book, Brent had put up all the whirligigs he had decided to make. The bus pass he had been given was still active, so he decided to continue traveling. This could have good fallout or bad I think he will continue learning while traveling and come home to be a better person.

I learned a lot from this book. One thing I learned was that actions have effect and to be careful that I don't set off a chain reaction like Brent did.