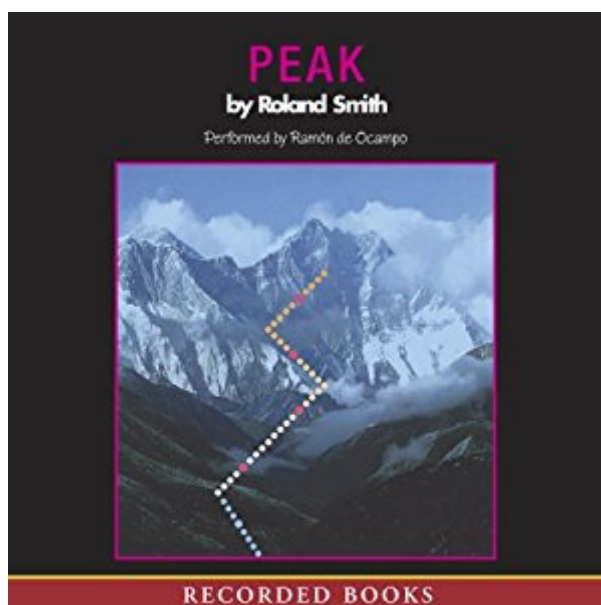


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Peak



Synopsis

The only thing you'll find on the summit of Mount Everest is a divine view. The things that really matter lie far below. After fourteen-year-old Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he's left with two choices: wither away in Juvenile Detention or go live with his long-lost father, who runs a climbing company in Thailand. But Peak quickly learns that his father's renewed interest in him has strings attached. Big strings. As owner of Peak Expeditions, he wants his son to be the youngest person to reach the Everest summit--and his motives are selfish at best. Even so, for a climbing addict like Peak, tackling Everest is the challenge of a lifetime. But it's also one that could cost him his life. Roland Smith has created an action-packed adventure about friendship, sacrifice, family, and the drive to take on Everest, despite the incredible risk. The story of Peak's dangerous ascent is told in his own words--is suspenseful, immediate, and impossible to put down.

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Customer Reviews

I thoroughly enjoyed this teen boy adventure. Peak Marcello is a 14-year-old boy, the son of two well-known mountaineers, so he hardly can help it that climbing is in his blood. But when he's caught climbing a New York skyscraper, he only escapes jail when his father, Josh, shows up and offers to take him back to Thailand with him until things cool down. But Josh has never been part of Peak's life. He left when pregnancy and then a serious fall caused Peak's mom to give up the sport. Peak hopes for a meaningful time with

his dad, and he's stunned to find out Josh's motivations are primarily financial. Josh wants Peak to climb Mount Everest. If he succeeds, he'll be the youngest climber ever, which could only benefit Josh's guide business. This is a fantastic adventure novel. Not only do we have a well-rounded character in Peak with a tough predicament, we get to climb Mount Everest with him! The context is a virtual crash course in procedure, equipment, hazards, glories, geography, and topography. It got my blood pumping, I'll tell you! In addition, we're introduced to several sherpas, those unsung heroes who guide climbers to the top, making the trip again and again. It was an interesting look at the local people who live, work, and often die tragically on Mount Everest. We even get a taste of the restrictive politics of China (Tibet), which shares the mountain with Nepal. Peak becomes close friends with a local Nepalese boy named Sun-jo whose grandfather is a sherpa. Without giving away anything, let me just say the friendship does much to drive the story into deeper levels and illustrate who Peak really is, deep down. Peak's classic quote, the great takeaway at the end of his emotional journey, is: "The only thing you'll find on the summit of Mount Everest is a divine view. The things that really matter lie far below." I loved Peak. I enjoyed his story, and I liked his conclusions. Highly, highly recommended for boys (and girls who like a good kick-butt adventure now and again). Ages 12+.

From jail to the top of the world! Basically, the plot of this book is a kid named Peak Marcello (whose parents use to be climbers) tries to climb a skyscraper but gets caught by the police who thought he was a terrorist right before he made it to the top. Then in trial his dad shows up and offers to take Peak to Tibet, China away from New York in hope that eventually people would forget about his climb. Then, Peak's dad surprises him and takes him to climb Mt. Everest. As I mentioned the book starts out in New York. Before he climbs Everest, his dad takes him to Tibet, China to get his climbing gear. After getting his climbing gear, the rest of the book takes place on Mt. Everest. The Main characters are Peak, Peak's Dad and Mom, The Two Peas (Peak's twin sisters), and his language arts teacher. The Main character, Peak, has an angry grudge towards his father for leaving them when Peak was little; however, as they get farther up the mountain they start to trust each other and that grudge slowly wears out. The book is written in a perspective where Peak is writing this book in a moleskine notebook as he climbs Mt. Everest. He explains this at the beginning of the book. I think the author of this book (Roland Smith) nailed the way the story is being told. The way it's written, Peak sounds just like a fourteen year old boy trying to reach the top of Everest. If that's what the author

was going for, he did a great job. I think the theme of this book is that it's not the mountain that matters, it's what lies at the bottom. I know this because on the last page of the book (page 246) Peak says: "The only thing you'll find on the summit of Mount Everest is a divine view. The things that really matter lie far below." I don't think the author would have made those the last two sentences if he didn't want the reader to remember that. Overall, I thought the book was great! I couldn't put it down!

Good book, fast shipping, excellent condition. This book came in exactly as expected and the content is perfect for a freshman boy. My son had to write a short paper over the summer for the first day of school, and thoroughly enjoyed this book. The story is about a young man who has lost his way and when his life completely changes (because his living situation does), he not only thrives physically but also learns life lessons along the way. He learns that everyone is not as fortunate as he is, although it may not appear to him that he IS fortunate, and he also learns the value in putting other people first. He learns to appreciate the selfless acts of others and pay those acts forward to help the less fortunate. My son is not an avid reader and it was no problem getting him to stay focused on this story. Well written, well packaged, well shipped. Highly recommend for this age group and from this seller.

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