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In 1996, a twenty-three-year-old soldier in the British Army was flying over an African desert on a routine parachute jump. He had a lot to look forward to—a long career ahead of him in the army, a beautiful girlfriend back home. But those dreams were cut short when his parachute failed to open at eleven thousand feet. He had cracked three vertebrae and come within a fraction of severing his spinal cord. A grueling eight months of physical therapy followed. Bear had to retrain his muscles to do all of the things we take for granted—how to sit, stand, walk, even breathe. Eighteen months after his accident he overcame incredible odds to reach the peak of Everest. THE KID WHO CLIMBED EVEREST is a tale of courage and determination. Bear's quest for funding for his expedition, his seventy days on Everest's southeast face, and a narrow brush with death after a fall into a crevasse at nineteen thousand feet, make the story an essential read for anyone who's ever had a dream and made it come true.

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Crystal says

I've read several books about Everest expeditions but have learned more about the realities of it in reading this one! Did not know that Grylls is also a writer - and a very good one! Very candid, honest and a real pleasure to read.

Edwin B Lowry says

This book makes me want to climb Everest!

S. says

It was good, he puts you right there with him. It was also slightly religious, in a not so in-your-face kind of way. I really enjoyed it.

Jeff Mikules says

When I was younger, in my late teens and early twenties, I never really believed I would climb Everest, but the idea, the fantasy, was certainly there. I imagined being among the elite few, the only one in my social group to do something so amazing. As I grew older, the optimism and dreams of youth faded, and what might have once been a burning desire, an unwavering determination, cooled to barely a flicker, a sad remnant of a larger flame. I soon realized that I would never be able to afford such an adventure. The staggering amount of prep, conditioning, courage, and determination needed to undertake such a venture are no longer within my reach - at least not as I sit here, typing a book review from the warmth and comfort of my living room. That, and my increasing aversion to the cold, do not bode well.

At the moment, I must live vicariously, taking part in such exploits through the stories of others. I've viewed many episodes of Man vs. Wild, and thoroughly enjoyed watching Bear teach survival (and of course, entertain). I can't remember where I saw or heard that he had a book about his summit of Mt. Everest, but when I saw it on the shelf at a local used book store, I quickly snagged it up, using the remainder of my store credit. The book, as so many others, sat on my shelf for a few years. After watching Bear's newest show, Running Wild, I finally decided to dive in, thirsty for an adventurous true story. I found The Kid Who Climbed Everest a great read. Bear, as so many sarcastic and pretentious others have pointed out, is not a "writer". He doesn't fill his prose with metaphor and allegory, he doesn't approach his account with "beautifully crafted sentences" and fancy word choices, and he doesn't pretend to be something he is not. What Bear does is tell his story. I'm honestly not sure why so many reviews I cruised feel the need to harp on the editing and structure so much. It's as if they're personally offended somehow, or want the world to know just how "learned" and "intelligent" they are by nit-picking every little thing, instead of simply trying to

enjoy what is there.

That's not to say there aren't a few issues here and there, or that in the hands of a more seasoned and talented writer the story could have been told "better", but those aren't the things I cared about. What I cared about, and really enjoyed, was Bear's honest storytelling. He takes us from the beginnings of his journey, which include his parachuting accident, recovery, finding sponsors, preparing, flying to Nepal, and making his way to base camp, to his ultimate summit, decent, and homecoming. Throughout the book I learned of the perils of climbing, the fascinating logistics involved in every facet of such an endeavor, and many of the down-and-dirty truths others might have glossed over for the sake of sparing the readers certain mental images. Bear isn't afraid to lay bare his thoughts, anxieties, and perceptions, or to express his faith and how important it is to him. I also believe he did a great job of conveying the uncomfortable struggles faced on the mountain, as well as the experiences and feelings of those he was with. It was easy to imagine myself on the mountain with him. If nothing else, his story showed me exactly how much I would have to give of myself if I ever one day decided to actually pursue my own long forgotten dream of summiting the highest peak on earth.

I do wish there were more pictures for specific parts of the book. After a short reading session, I often found myself web searching, wanting to see what this amazing icefall or treacherous route actually looked like. I was certainly able to imagine them, but I longed to see if the actual sights matched what my mind had conjured. Not being a climber, I also had to pause every so often to look up a word for the exact definition, pronunciation, or even visual representation, but that's par for the course. I enjoy reading about something, and then researching deeper to gain a better understanding. And if I truly wanted a book with citations and notes and so on, I'm sure there are countless others that dive further into the intricacies of the vernacular and satisfy the need for a more "educational" experience.

Overall, I really enjoyed this book, and it did stoke that dwindling flame inside me. Though my dreams of actually summiting Everest are still buried deep, I think it might be enough for me to at least one day make it to Base Camp. I very much want to see some of these fantastic sights with my own two eyes, even if the dangers of going beyond keep my feet firmly off the ice.

Happy Reading!

JAM

RJ Esz says

Wonderful read from Bear's POV on his journey to the summit... like he said you don't conquer Everest, She lets you stay alive and pass thru her.. loved this book!

JTrav says

Surprising intelligently written, Bear tells a chronological tale of his training and success of climbing Mt Everest. Does not read like the writing of a reality tv personality.

Cami Evans says

Going into this knowing it was written not by a writer but by a man trying to tell his story, I really enjoyed it. There were lots of typos and several boring parts but it is a travel log so those were somewhat expected. I had a small idea of what climbing a mountain entailed but was struck by all the preparations, waiting, and

climbing up then back down it takes to acclimate to those remarkable heights. I enjoyed Bear's insights and sense of humor that he's now famous for on Man vs. Wild. I drew several parallels between his journey and our personal struggles to climb through life. He had to be respectful of the mountain and was continually humbled by its control over the situation.

I have no desire to climb Everest but have a new respect for those that attempt it. This is the ultimate story of facing your fears--their catchphrase was "Just let fear be your guide."

I love that he prays and thanks the Lord for protecting him. He had faith long before beginning this journey and carried scripture verses with him on the trip.

This book would have gotten 5 stars if it had come with his British accent.

Tom Miller says

I read a lot...and, generally, when I finish one book I turn right around and start a new one. But, every once in a while, I read a book that I enjoy so much I feel I have to take a short break from reading. For me, this is one of those books that other books cannot live up to and, so, I am just reluctant to start anything new because I know I will just be disappointed.

I am a sucker for non-fiction - true stories of people who did something extraordinary. This book is not classic literature - it is not necessarily "brilliantly" written - however, it is extremely compelling. Bear is, actually, quite an amazing storyteller. I was sucked into the story...I could visualize what was happening. I was disappointed when the team was disappointed, scared when the team was scared, and joyful when the team was joyful.

I consider "The Kid Who Climbed Everest" to be one of my favorite books.

Sarah Scott says

Such great writing. I couldn't put this book down.

Claxton says

My good friend Payton B. loaned me this book. It is not really my type of adventure writing -- a page-turner fueled mostly by action, not so much by the "why's" or philosophical/ecological takeaways of the journey -- but the last fifty pages or so made it all worthwhile. Obviously, he climbs Everest and lives to tell the tale.

Toward the end, Bear tells us what sort of person it takes to be a mountaineer: "truthful, distinguished and modest" with "faith in themselves, great determination and endurance." I finished the book within hours of a chat with Payton's mother about him preparing to set out on his own great adventure, and thought a lot about these words, how Payton embodies these virtues, much more than I did at his age, much more than I do still today, and how thankful I am that my three little adventurers have Payton to look up to. Heck, I look up to him too. Thanks for loaning me the book, young man, and for inspiring us all to run our own race, to enjoy

the journey, to be good to one another along the way. Can't wait to see what mountains you climb.

Rakshith Kunchum says

One of the best books I have read so far. For years to come, I'm sure this book will shape my life; atleast I wish so. I suggest everyone to read this book; I guarantee that everyone will have something to pick up from his book.

Fayette says

This is as close as I'll ever get to climbing Everest, and that's OK with me! I've read other books about Everest but this was an especially well done first hand account of what it is like.

Wilding says

I'm writing this review a year and half late. Honestly can't remember much about the book. Bear Grylls is cool though so three stars.

Debbie Brown says

I had no idea the difficulty of climbing Everest. An amazing adventure!

Shee Tsim Nam says

Not an interesting book. More like a diary of Bear Grylls' pursuance for the Everest.
