



# TRUE GRIT: *Surviving Against All Odds* Booklist

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When nature and the odds are against you, that's when the true fighting spirit shows itself.

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## Survive!: My Fight for Life in the High Sierras

By Peter De Leo

**Call #: 363.124 DeL**

After his plane crashes in the Sierra Nevadas, De Leo, despite 16 broken bones, trekked over snowy ravines for two weeks in freezing temperatures without food or water, to find help.



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## Seized

By Max Hardberger

**Call #: 364.164 Har**

A sea captain's adventures battling scoundrels and pirates while recovering stolen ships from the world's most dangerous ports.



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## Great Escapes

By Scott Christianson

**Call #: 365.641 Chr**

The gripping stories of 50 individuals who managed to escape death or captivity and lived to tell about it.



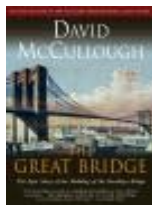
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## The Grizzly Maze

By Nick Jans

**Call #: 599.784 Jans**

Timothy Treadwell spent 12 summers living with Alaskan grizzly bears until 2003, when he and his girlfriend were attacked and eaten by a bear he called "Downey".



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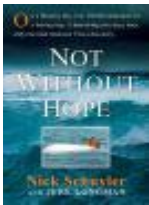
## The Great Bridge

By David McCullough

**Call #: 624.23 McC**

During the 14 years it took to build the Brooklyn Bridge, bodies were crushed and mangled, countless lives were lost, and Roebling, the bridge's architect, went mad. But with picks and shovels the workers managed to place the massive towers on firm bedrock under the East River, and 140 years later the bridge still stands.





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## Not Without Hope

By Nick Schuyler

**Call #: 796.322 Sch**

On a blustery spring morning, Nick and his three NFL buddies headed out for a fishing trip off the Florida coast. 35 miles off shore, their boat sank during a storm. Only Nick survived a harrowing two days at sea, clinging to the thought that he couldn't bear to have his mother attend his funeral.



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## Dead Lucky

By Lincoln Hall

**Call #: 796.522 Hal**

Just below the summit of Mt. Everest, Lincoln Hall was left for dead by fellow climbers. By the next morning, he was found sitting up on a rock, dazed and confused, but certain he must somehow get down the mountain.



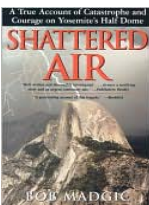
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## Into Thin Air

By Jon Krakauer

**Call #: 796.522 Kra**

When Jon Krakauer reached Mt. Everest's summit, 20 other climbers were still pushing towards the top, unaware that a huge storm was brewing.



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## Shattered Air

By Bob Madgic

**Call #: 796.522 Mad**

On a hot July afternoon in 1985, five young hikers decided to climb Yosemite's venerable Half Dome, even as the sky darkened and lightning struck.



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## Angels in the Wilderness

By Amy Racina

**Call #: 796.522 Rac**

A backpacker's worst nightmare: alone, a 60 foot fall from a cliff, two broken legs, no hope of rescue, and the only way to get out of the canyon is to pull yourself along with your hands for the next four days.



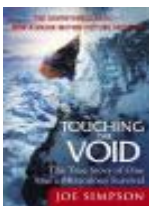
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## Between a Rock and a Hard Place

By Aron Ralston

**Call #: 796.522 Ral**

A simple hike turns into a nightmare when a boulder pins Ralston's arm against the canyon wall in the Utah Canyonlands. Question is: would you cut off your arm to save yourself?



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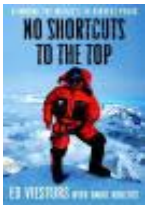
## Touching the Void

By Joe Simpson

**Call #: 796.522 Sim**

Your climbing buddy falls off a cliff, breaks his leg, and is now dangling on a rope just above an endless fall to the bottom. You reach him, but know there's not much hope to get him out. Then you come up with a daring plan...





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## No Shortcuts To the Top

By Ed Viesturs

**Call #: 796.522 Vie**

Nothing could hold back mountain climber Ed Viesturs from scaling the 14 highest and most treacherous peaks, the hard way, without bottled oxygen.



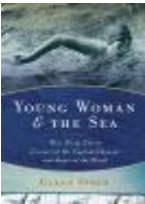
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## One Mountain Thousand Summits

By Freddie Wilkinson

**Call #: 796.522 Wil**

In a single day, eleven climbers lost their lives on K2, the steepest mountain in the world. In a mystery clouded by exhaustion, thin air and poor communication, only the sherpas could tell what really happened.



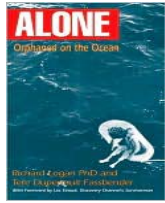
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## Young Woman and the Sea

By Glenn Stout

**Call #: 797.21 Sto**

Before most women had the courage to show their ankles, plucky American teenager, Trudy Ederle, captured the worlds' heart when she became the first woman to swim across the English Channel.



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## Alone: Orphaned In the Ocean

By Richard Logan

**Call #: 910.452 Log**

For four days, a barely alive 11 year-old Terry drifted on a flimsy cork board without food or water before she was finally rescued. Her story would gain worldwide attention when she told how she jumped off her family's sailboat into the ocean in order to save herself from the ship's captain who had murdered her family.



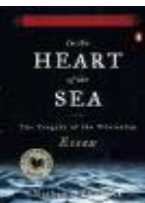
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## A Night to Remember

By Walter Lord

**Call #: 910.916 Lor**

On April 14, 1912, the luxurious ocean liner, the Titanic, on its maiden voyage to New York, struck an iceberg in the north Atlantic. Three hours later, most of its passengers and the ship known to the world as "unsinkable" were on their way to the bottom of the sea.



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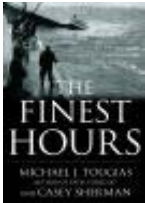
## In the Heart of the Sea

By Nathaniel Philbrick

**Call #: 910.916 Phi**

Their ship sunk by an angry whale, the Essex crew was left to drift in a tiny boat. The next four months would be a test of their will against the sea, as one by one, they succumbed to hunger, thirst, disease and cannibalism.





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## **The Finest Hours**

By Michael Tougias

**Call #: 910.916 Tou**

In 1952, eighty-four men were in danger of drowning off the Cape Cod coast, when a ferocious Nor'easter split their ship in two. Courage marks the spirit of the Coast Guard as they braved fierce winds and enormous waves to save the poor souls huddled inside the broken halves of the ship.



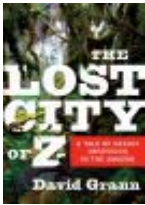
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## **Skeletons on the Zahara**

By Dean King

**Call #: 916.48 Kin**

After being shipwrecked off the coast of Africa, the crew of the Commerce was captured and enslaved by nomads and forced to suffer years of torture until the captain hatched a daring escape to save his men.



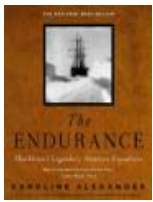
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## **Lost City of Z**

By David Grann

**Call #: 918.11 Gra**

In 1925, Percy Fawcett set out into the Amazon jungle to find the golden city of El Dorado, or the "lost city of Z." Fighting off the natives, snakes and starvation, Fawcett and his crew were never heard from again.



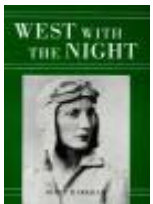
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## **The Endurance**

By Caroline Alexander

**Call #: 919.89 Ale**

After abandoning ship and living on a floating ice pack for five months, Shackleton set sail in an open boat, trekked across glaciers and mountains in order to save his men.



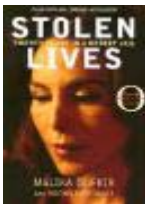
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## **West With the Night**

By Beryl Markham

**Call #: 92 Markham**

Bush pilot, horse trainer, attacked by a lion, fought a mamba snake, famous for her record-breaking, near fatal, solo flight across the Atlantic: Beryl Markham's life was one adventure after another.



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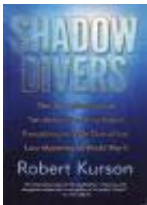
## **Stolen Lives**

By Malika Oufkir

**Call #: 92 Oufkir**

After her father was assassinated in a Moroccan political coup, Malika and her family were imprisoned in an isolated prison camp. For 20 years, they endured hunger, cold, and starvation. They then realized the only way out is to dig their way to freedom.





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## Shadow Divers

By Robert Kurson

**Call #: 940.545 Kur**

The real life adventure of two weekend scuba divers who risked their lives to solve the mystery of a torpedoed German submarine long forgotten in the deep waters off the New Jersey coast.



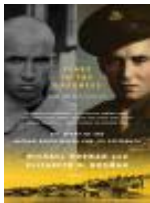
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## Left for Dead

By Peter Nelson

**Call #: 940.545 Nel**

After their battleship sank, 900 men were left to float helplessly in shark infested waters with no life jackets, food, or water. When rescue finally came five days later, only 316 were still alive.



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## Tears in the Darkness

By Michael Norman

**Call #: 940.547 Nor**

After fighting in the Battle of Bataan, Ben Steele was one of 75,000 soldiers captured by the Japanese and forced to walk on a death march that killed thousands. Steele spent 41 months starving in a slave labor camp, but through it all, his only goal was to make it back to his Montana farm and family.



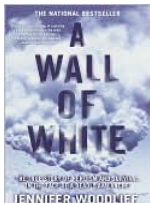
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## The Perfect Storm

By Sebastian Junger

**Call #: 974.45 Jun**

It was the “storm of the century,” three Nor’easters at once, with over 100 foot waves, and in the middle of all this was a doomed fishing boat racing back to land with the catch of the day.



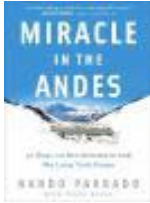
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## A Wall of White

By Jennifer Woodlief

**Call #: 979.438 Woo**

After a record 14 feet of snow fell at Lake Tahoe in 1982, an avalanche swept through the resort killing seven people and leaving one woman buried alive. For five days, ski patrollers fought to free a 21-year-old woman from the suffocating snow.



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## Miracle in the Andes

By Nando Parrado

**Call #: 982.6 Par**

Given up for dead after their plane crashed in the Andes, Nando Parrado, not only survived, but hiked the snow capped mountains and frozen wilderness to save himself and the 15 remaining survivors.

