

No Summit out of Sight

By Authors, Jordan Romero & Linda LeBlanc

Reviewed by: Tanya, 14

Star Teen Book Reviewer of Be the Star You Are! Charity

www.bethestaryouare.org

9 year old Jordan Romero was fascinated by a mural of the highest peak on every continent on one of the walls of his school. He set a goal to climb the Seven Summits (the highest peaks of each continent) and immediately went to work on researching all he possibly could on each mountain. With a dad and step-mom both as adventure racers, he was in great hands when it came to training, and when Jordan set a goal, there was no backing out. Starting with Mount Kilimanjaro, the three picked off each peak, ending with Mount Vinson, making Jordan Romero the youngest person to climb all Seven Summits, being just 15 years old. They fought through all the scepticism, uncertainty and danger, to prove that with the right training, mindset and determination, you could achieve any goal. After achieving his goal, Jordan set another one, to travel to every state in the U.S., climb it's highest peak, and inspire a new audience of kids to "find their own Everest."

This true story was extremely inspiring and a very interesting read! It incorporated Jordan's experiences throughout his whole journey, from start to finish, as well as the history and background of all the places he visited. This story showed how an ordinary 9 year old boy could become an extraordinary hero for kids all over the globe, just by sticking to his goal. I loved how this book didn't ignore the hardships he faced through his journey, but instead highlighted them. This made the entire experience feel more real and relatable, and made me as the reader feel proud when Jordan reached the summit of each mountain he tackled.

I would recommend this book for middle and high schoolers, due to the fact that it contains some topics that younger kids might not be as comfortable talking about, such as divorce and unexpected death. To explain that last example, during one part of the story, Jordan sees a climber pass right by him and says "hi." A few minutes later, that same climber dies in an avalanche, scaring Jordan terribly. However, other than that, this book is extremely inspirational, fun and exciting! I loved how this story was written in Jordan's perspective so that we could see him grow as a person as he met people from around the world, fought against his own doubts, and succeeded against numerous odds. If you are looking for a fun, inspirational and exciting book, look no further.

Recommended Titles:

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

The Miracle of Castel di Sangro by Joe McGinniss

Outcasts United by Warren St. John

The Ball is Round by David Goldblatt