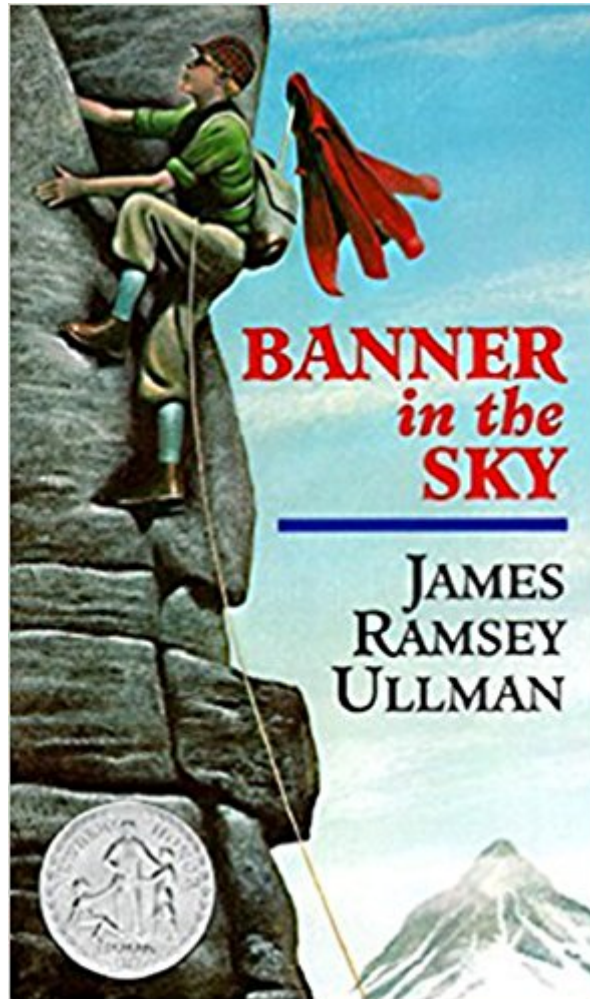




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Banner In The Sky



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Synopsis

The CitadelIt stands unconquered, the last great summit of the Alps. Only one man has ever dared to approach the top, and that man died in his pursuit. He was Josef Matt, Rudi Matt's father. At sixteen, Rudi is determined to pay tribute to the man he never knew, and complete the quest that claimed his father's life. And so, taking his father's red shirt as a flag, he heads off to face the earth's most challenging peak. But before Rudi can reach the top, he must pass through the forbidden Fortress, the gaping chasm in the high reaches of the Citadel where his father met his end. Rudi has followed Josef's footsteps as far as they will take him. Now he must search deep within himself to find the strength for the final ascent to the summit -- to plant his banner in the sky. His father died while trying to climb Switzerland's greatest mountain -- the Citadel -- and young Rudi knows he must make the assault himself.

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"Based upon the author's personal experiences, with details from the original ascent of the Matterhorn, the story has authenticity, atmosphere, and excitement."--"Booklist"

Banner in the Sky rates among the top adventure books ever written and is in a style that is tightly composed, gets promptly to the point, and provides realistic and exciting descriptions. This marvelous book rates with the likes of the writings of Hemingway, Steinbeck, Fitzgerald, S. Crane, etc. in its presentation and impact. As a newspaper editor who examines millions of words of text each year, I give Banner in the Sky a solid five stars as the best I have read thus-far this year. It is

funny how I, at age 58, had never heard of the book except through accidentally watching Third Man On The Mountain (Disney) on TV recently. The movie was astounding, among Disney's greatest work. I have always been a big Disney fan, too, and even wear a Mickey Mouse watch and wedding ring and did not know that movie existed. Long story short, both are superb. The love interest in the movie is not in the book, which does not detract from it at all. In fact, both the book and the movie are must-see, must-read items for me. I will be re-reading the book and I have already in the past two months seen the movie 18 times.

I read this book in 4th grade for school and LOVED it. Later I gave it to my little brother when he was in 6th grade and we had a lot of trouble finding books that would hold his attention enough for them to be worth the effort for him to read them. This was one of the first "breakthrough" books that helped him really start to read fluently.

My kid hated this book.. boo..

Excellent book! Years ago I saw "Third Man on the Mountain" which was Disney's version of this book. Loved the movie and don't know why I never got around to reading this. It's SO much better than the movie which was "Diseynified" with the inclusion of a girl and, of course, some lame singing while skipping through the flowers. Too bad, because this is a heck of a good adventure story about a young man coming of age, finding his place and proving himself to his family and friends. Very descriptive, lots of tension and well-defined characters. Haven't finished it yet and I look forward to seeing whether or not Disney changed the ending. I'm enjoying it immensely. A great read for young boys and girls (even adults) who enjoy a good adventure story.

This is a favorite of mine from grade school, where I checked it out at least once a year. A well-crafted and inspiring story with solid and engaging detail about the early days of mountaineering. I still enjoy it as an adult.

Really great, classic book. My 3rd grader loved it.

Very useful tool for anyone who teaches or is mentoring an individual who is reading this book. The vocabulary guide, study activities and synopsis were beneficial in providing guidance to effectively studying this text.

A great read-----and Walt Disney then made a terrific movie !

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