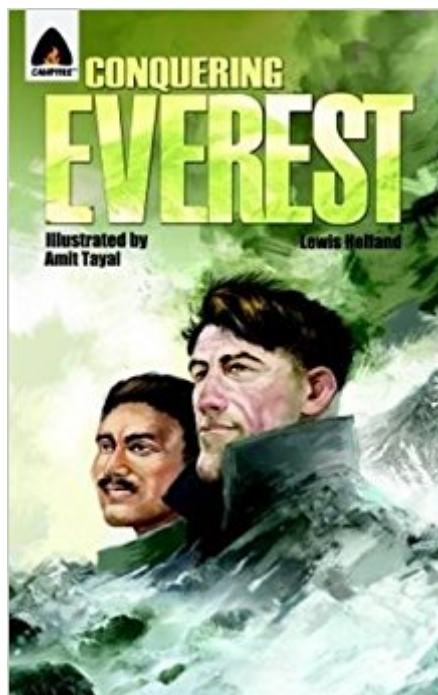




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Conquering Everest: The Lives Of Edmund Hillary And Tenzing Norgay: A Graphic Novel (Campfire Graphic Novels)



Synopsis

Tenzing Norgay was the son of poor Tibetan immigrants living in Nepal. He longed to see the world but was told he could aspire to be little more than a servant. Edmund Hillary was a humble beekeeper from New Zealand, who spent his youth dreaming of adventures he could never hope to experience. And Everest was the ultimate adventure. The mountain's peak is the highest point on Earth, stretching beyond the clouds. So dangerous and challenging, Everest had never been successfully climbed and many had died trying. In 1953, Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary joined a team of explorers determined to reach its top. Alone at the top of the world with their oxygen running low, they faced brutal elements and new dangers at every turn. And they were armed with little more than their courage, determination, and a belief in each other. But would that be enough to achieve the impossible, what no man had done before?

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Customer Reviews

"Helfand switches things up a bit in his biography of Hillary and Norgay, allowing his characters to tell their stories for the first half of the book. Starting with Norgay, the two men alternate talking to each other about their lives and the events that brought them to an Everest base camp in 1953, just before their historical scaling of the summit. The use of different colored borders on their text boxes and a clear voice for each man keeps readers from getting confused. In the second half of the book, a narrator takes over and readers ascend to the heights, feeling the danger and excitement along the way. [Illustrator] Tayal . . . and Helfand are adept at putting readers directly into the cold and

hardship and even those without much knowledge of mountain climbing will be able to easily follow what is happening. The extras here include a glossary and facts about young climbers who have scaled Everest's peak." -- School Library Journal "A vivid double character portrait, enhanced by equally sharp glimpses of climbing techniques, strategies and hazards." Kirkus Reviews "I highly recommend Campfire's comics. They do what they are intended to do and do it in a way that excites kids about classic literature." • Chris Wilson, The Graphic Classroom (a resource for teachers and librarians)

Lewis Helfand was born in 1978 in Philadelphia. Passionate about comic books, Lewis soon published his very own, Wasted Minute - a story of a world without crime where superheroes are forced to work regular jobs. With the first issue received well, he was soon collaborating with other artists and released four more issues over the next few years. At the same time, Lewis continues to work outside the field of comic books as a freelance writer and reporter for a number of national print and online publications.

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Mary Fortner
SmithComics.....Resistance is Futile!

The dramatic first ascent of Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain, gets the graphic novel treatment courtesy of Campfire Books, author Lewis Helfand, and illustrator Amit Tayal. The narrative interweaves the lives of New Zealand climber Edmund Hillary and Indian Sherpa Tenzing Norgay with the many early attempts to climb Everest. Tenzing Norgay is presented as someone who grew up in poverty and who had to wait his turn to live his lifelong dream as a sherpa and sirdir in the high mountains of the Himalayas. Similarly, the shy Hillary worked as a beekeeper and served in the Second World War before finally getting his big break as a climber. Their first ascent of Everest is presented as the dramatic and suspenseful event that it was. Their careers after Everest are also included in the story, and author Helfand goes to some lengths to suggest that climbing Everest was not necessarily the crowning achievement of their lives. Recommended.

My son gave this to his dad as a holiday present since my hubby loves everything about climbing and Everest. I never imagined I would see my husband reading a graphic novel, but he did, and loved it. Great choice on my son's part, and I'm so happy my hubby found it to be an excellent book. He is quite picky about what he reads, so if he liked it, it was good.

Review by my 10 year old son: This book was interesting and very fun to read. I never new there was a place called Kathmandu. I thought it was a shop.

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