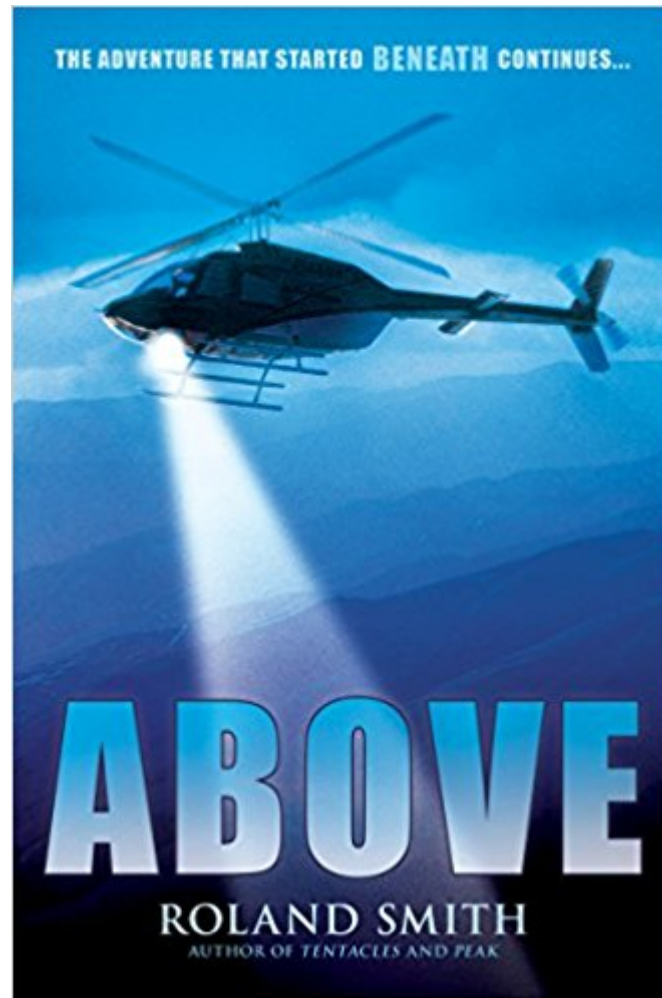




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# Above



## Synopsis

Pat O'Toole and his brother, Coop, are on the run from an enemy that specializes in hiding in plain sight. Along with their new companion, Kate, they've narrowly escaped a cultlike community situated beneath the streets of New York City. Kate has lived underground since birth, and the world above thrills her, but it's treacherous as well. With the cult's leader -- Kate's grandfather -- hatching a new scheme of global consequence, the three runaways may be the only ones who can stop him. Will they face him head-on, or will they spend the rest of their lives as fugitives? The adventure that started *Beneath* concludes *Above* in this action-packed middle-grade thriller by Roland Smith!

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## Customer Reviews

Praise for *Beneath*: "A tightly plotted mystery that incorporates themes of nonconformity and social rebellion... Humor, a perilous setting, [and] intense relationships... give the story emotion and grit." -- Publishers Weekly "A fast-paced, compelling read. Fans of Smith will not be disappointed." -- Booklist "Avid lovers of adventure fiction will enjoy this quick read." -- School Library Journal

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Fast read and good for info for jr high students

Roland Smith did it again - kept me hooked til the end! Awesome!

very happy

On the run since their escape from the Deep, Pat, Coop, and Kate plan to reunite in Oregon. However, their reunion is postponed when Alex Dane's brother who helped the teens escape shows up and tasks Kate to shadow Lod's members that are gathering in the area. Alex, Pat, and Coop follow Kate's trail so they can understand Lod's next move and then notify the authorities. This sequel to Beneath is yet another rapid-fire read full of suspense, mystery, and deception. Told from Pat and Kate's perspectives, readers follow the break-neck pace of these teens as they chase down Lod and his demented disciples. Because there is access to Kate's mind, readers learn more details about her upbringing in the Deep and understand how losing her parents by Lod's hand caused Kate to turn against him. Compared to Beneath, Pat is not continually confronting his claustrophobia. However, he encounters his patterned, panic-stricken thoughts again as he is forced to enter yet another Deep. A theme Smith carries through his series is that there is no such thing as a coincidence. Smith shows that the events and decisions of a person's past ideally places them in situations where they can conquer present dilemmas. Both Beneath and Above clearly show that Smith is an expert at crafting quality, contemporary adventures for young adults. (Review found on Children's Compass Chronicle: [childrenscompasschronicle.blogspot.com](http://childrenscompasschronicle.blogspot.com))

The adventure continues with Pat and Coop, as they, along with Kate, track the movements of the Pod. It's a thrilling journey as each person they meet may or may not be working for Lod. Find out what Lod has up his sleeves next, what happens to Pat, Coop, and Kate, and why librarians rock. Thanks to Roland Smith for another exciting adventure!

Coop, Pat and Kate have all escaped Beneath, much to the dismay of the POD. The trio decide to

meet in Portland (Oregon. Smith is a Portland native) hoping that they will all actually be able to reunite there. Filled with a few twists and turns, Smith does a nice job continuing the adventure and potentially leaving it open for yet another title in the series. This is a "go-to" series for me when talking with kids about books

This is book two and it is incredible! Roland Smith does an excellent job of writing these 2 books. He hooks you right away and the excitement doesn't stop. This story is hard to put down. Thanks Roland for another great adventure.

Best series that I've read in a long time. Wish it had continued, but I understand that it couldn't as not much else could've been added to the plot.

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