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33 Men: Inside The Miraculous Survival And Dramatic Rescue Of The Chilean Miners





Synopsis

Having had unparalleled access to the Chilean mine disaster, award-winning journalist Jonathan Franklin takes readers to the heart of a remarkable story of human endurance, survival, and historic heroism. 33 Men is the groundbreaking, authoritative account of the Chilean mine disaster, one of the longest human entrapments in history. Rushing to the scene when the miners were discovered, Franklin obtained a coveted "Rescue Team" pass and reported directly from the front lines of the rescue operation, beyond police controls, for six weeks. Based on more than 110 intimate interviews with the miners, their families, and the rescue team, Franklin's narrative captures the remarkable story of these men and women, in details shocking, beautiful, comedic, and heroic. Gripping and raw, with never-before-revealed details, 33 Men is a true story that reads like a thriller.

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Customer Reviews

As a fellow journalist and author, I can only marvel at how Franklin managed total access to this incredible story. His narrative writing style presents itself more like the look and feel of a novel than a work of nonfiction. I found myself taking pause while reading to remember that this is a true story.Franklin pulls you in and doesn't let go. For the ultimate insider's look at the definitive account of a fascinating tale of perseverance, determination, and survival, I highly recommend "33 Men."

I was fascinated with the Chilean Miners' story when it was happening and picked this book up not expecting to learn anything new because of the extensive coverage at the time. But this is a great story with rich details I hadn't heard before, brought to life by someone who is clearly an excellent writer. I know it's a cliche, but I couldn't put it down!I recommend this to anyone who wants to read a very well written story of adventure and heart. This is truly a remarkable 21st century saga of human trial and survival with just enough cultural context and technical information to make it a book that also teaches something about what's possible in this global hi-tech world we live in.

I live in Chile now and this guy definitely had a back stage pass as the details and angles that describe the events are awesome. It has a great flow which makes it easy to read and very difficult to put down - probably read it faster than Alive or Into Thin Air... a must read - after all it was one of the largest TV events in history and here's the inside scoop.

Like so many of us I followed this story praying for a happy ending. While I was overjoyed to see these men emerge I was disappointed to see the story disappear and these men paraded around without learning what really happened down there. This book finally gave me the whole story and is extremely well written. Mr Franklin clearly got to know these men and everyone involved. The back story is so much more compelling than the highlight reel we were given on TV. While this story is far from over I am thankful that I am able to finally get a glimpse into what was really happening at the mine, both above ground and below. Great journalism like this is the only way we can truly appreciate what these men went through, and how it has changed their lives forever.Great Book!

I received the book in the afternoon and couldn't put it down. A fast-paced intimate look at this story that obsessed the world for more than two months. Franklin's unusual access to the rescue and the people involved--not to mention his long experience as a journalist--give a rare glimpse of what really went on. Fasten your seat belt for a wild ride.

I was so excited to read this book, and so disappointed in the results. This is such a great story, yet so poorly written. Whether it was in haste to get the book published, or simply lack of skill..the author leaves open so many questions. I wanted to know the outcome of the lawsuits, I want to know about the miner who ran the NY marathon, I want to know about how the miners did with their pact to remain as one.Great story, poor writing=Average book

* I just finished "33 Men." I couldn't put the book down, and when I did, I couldn't wait to return to the constant drama. Jonathan Franklin weaves his well written story and transfixes us much the way

Sebastian Junger tells of the "Perfect Storm." Franklin's narrative suspends us between two worlds the underground world of the trapped miners and the above ground rescuers. Both worlds are filled with personal stories of human strengths and frailties that make this book an unforgettable account of 33 men.* "33 Men" is destined for the best seller list.

What a wonderful depiction of the events of the miracle rescue witnessed by the world. Jonathan Franklin did a fantastic job of telling the story as he knew it and saw it. This book is a collector's item, one to be passed on from generation to generation. Thanks so much for sharing your story with all of us!

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