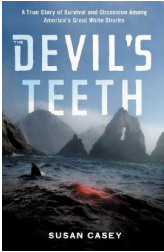


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Remarkable true stories of life and death adventures...

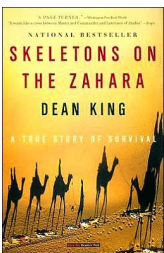
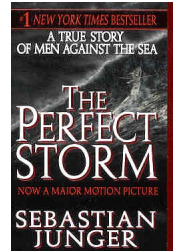


[Devil's Teeth](#) by Susan Casey (597.3 CASEY)

Travel thirty miles north, south, or east of San Francisco city hall and you'll be engulfed in a landscape of thick traffic, fast enterprise, and six-dollar cappuccinos. Venture thirty miles due west, however, and you will find yourself on what is virtually another planet: a spooky cluster of rocky islands called the Farallones, battered by foul weather, thronged with two hundred thousand seabirds, and surrounded by the largest great white sharks in the world.

[The Perfect Storm](#) by Sebastian Junger (974.4 JUNGE)

It was the storm of the century—a tempest created by so rare a combination of factors that meteorologists deemed it "the perfect storm." When it struck in October, 1991, there was virtually no warning. "She's comin' on, boys, and she's comin' on strong," radioed Captain Billy Tyne of the Andrea Gail from off the coast of Nova Scotia. Soon afterward, the boat and its crew of six disappeared without a trace. *The Perfect Storm* is a real-life thriller, a stark and compelling journey into the dark heart of nature that leaves listeners with a breathless sense of what it feels like to be caught, helpless, in the grip of a force beyond understanding or control.



[Skeletons on the Zahara](#) by Dean King (946.48 KING)

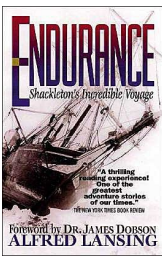
The horrendous ordeal of 11 American seamen, shipwrecked on the Atlantic coast of North Africa and then sold into slavery, grippingly chronicled by adventure writer King (*Harbors and High Seas*, 1996, etc.). The War of 1812 had just ended, and Captain James Riley was hungry to get back to work on the brig Commerce, sailing out of Connecticut to buy cheap and sell dear in the wake of the British wartime blockade. But strange weather and bad luck sent Riley's ship onto the rocks of Atlantic Africa, then more bad luck put him and ten shipmates in the hands of nomads who took them into slavery.



[Into Thin Air](#) by Jon Krakauer (796.5 KRA)

A powerful, cautionary tale of adventure gone horribly wrong, *Into Thin Air* became an instant bestseller upon publication. A childhood dream of some day ascending Mt. Everest, a lifelong love of climbing, and an expense account all propelled writer Jon Krakauer to the top of the Himalayas in May 1996. With a guide claiming "We've got the mountain wired," Krakauer found that for 65 grand, you could climb the world's tallest peak. This hubris, and a freak storm, claimed the lives of seven members of his expedition, and narrowly avoided killing Krakauer and many more.



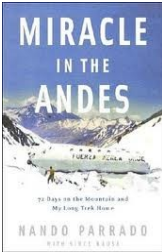
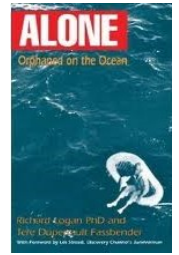


### [Endurance](#) by Alfred Lansing (979.8 LANSI)

In the summer of 1914, explorer Ernest Shackleton and a crew of 27 left England for the South Pole. When they returned, more than two years later, they told an unbelievable story of survival. They lost their ship. They spent a winter on the polar ice. They had to eat their dogs. They sailed hundreds of miles of the most hostile seas on earth in small, open boats. And they all survived. *The Endurance* uses the words and images of the expedition members themselves to re-create the 22 months the men spent stranded in Antarctica.

### [Alone](#) by Richard Logan (910.452 LOGAN)

Co-authored by a renowned psychologist and survival expert, this book delves into the details of how a little girl survived the at-sea murder of her family, the pod of whales who guarded her, and the aftermath and the recapturing of life.

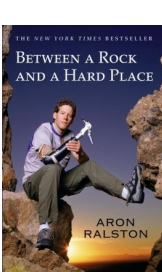
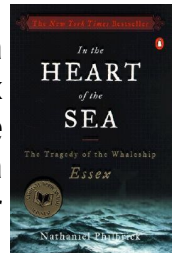


### [Miracle in the Andes](#) by Nando Parrado (982 PARRA)

A survivor of the horrific 1972 plane crash that stranded his rugby team in the Andes for seventy-two days provides his account of the ordeal and of his desperate expedition across seventy miles of frozen wilderness to find help.

### [In The Heart of the Sea](#) by Nat Philbrick (910 PHIL)

In 1819, the 238-ton Essex set sail from Nantucket on a routine voyage for whales. Fifteen months later, the unthinkable happened: in the farthest reaches of the South Pacific, the Essex was rammed and sunk by an enraged sperm whale. Its twenty-man crew, fearing cannibals on the islands to the west, decided instead to sail their three tiny boats for the distant South American coast. They would eventually travel over 4,500 miles. The next three months tested just how far humans could go in their battle against the sea as, one by one, they succumbed to hunger, thirst, disease, and fear.



### [Between a Rock and a Hard Place](#) by Aron Ralston (B RALSTON)

Ralston was trapped by an 800-pound boulder 100 feet down in the bottom of Utah's remote Blue John Canyon for six days. Alone, with little water and food, no jacket, and knowing that he'd told no one where he was headed, Ralston realized he was facing certain death. Ralston began recording his goodbyes to his friends and family using the video camera from his pack. Divine inspiration struck on the sixth day, as Ralston went to extremes to save his life.

### [Down Around Midnight](#) by Robert Sabbag (363.12 SABBA)

The author shares his story of surviving a 1979 plane crash in the woods on Cape Cod, and re-connects with other survivors in an attempt to come to terms with the emotional ramifications of the incident.



### [Touching the Void](#) by Joe Simpson (796.5 SIMPS)

Joe Simpson and his climbing partner, Simon Yates, had just reached the top of a 21,000-foot peak in the Andes when disaster struck. Simpson plunged off the vertical face of an ice ledge, breaking his leg. In the hours that followed, darkness fell and a blizzard raged as Yates tried to lower his friend to safety. Finally, Yates was forced to cut the rope, moments before he would have been pulled to his own death. The next three days were an impossibly grueling ordeal for both men. Yates, certain that Simpson was dead, returned to base camp consumed with grief and guilt over abandoning him. Miraculously, Simpson had survived the fall, but crippled, starving, and severely frostbitten was trapped in a deep crevasse.

