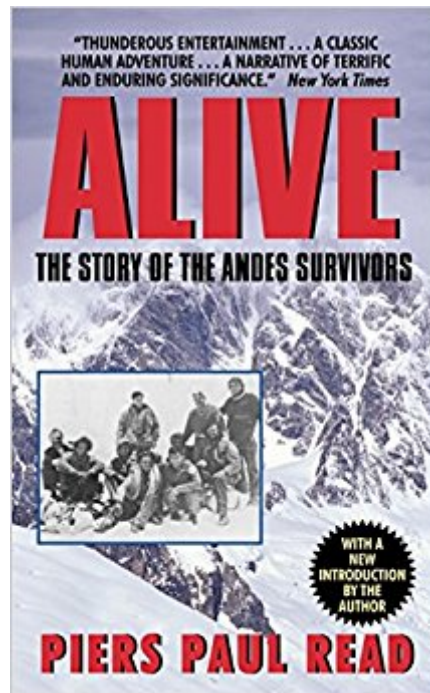




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Alive: The Story Of The Andes Survivors



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On October 12, 1972, a plane carrying a team of young rugby players crashed into the remote, snow-peaked Andes. Out of the forty-five original passengers and crew, only sixteen made it off the mountain alive. For ten excruciating weeks they suffered deprivations beyond imagining, confronting nature head-on at its most furious and inhospitable. And to survive, they were forced to do what would have once been unthinkable ... This is their story -- one of the most astonishing true adventures of the twentieth century.

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This is a brilliant read. Even if you saw the movie first, that's OK, this book will far exceed the quality of the movie. I appreciate Read's attempt to be as straightforward as possible. There is no reason for an author to try and add emotion or tension to this story, since it was all there in the first place. There are some disturbing moments in the book (as expected), but nothing graphic. I appreciate Read's respect toward the faith those people had in God. Another reviewer said very little was

dedicated to the actual crash. That's true. And after finishing the book, I can see why. What happened afterward was far more important than the actual crash. Amazing story. They thought they would be rescued since people knew they were flying. But they were never found. So they decided to save themselves. Amazing story. One of the greatest achievements in human history.

This is one of the best books I've ever read. I saw a documentary on the event on the history channel and knew I had to read the book. I'm ashamed to say I waited so long because this is an great read. I finished the book within a few days because it was just so hard to put down. The story of these gentleman is truely amazing. You will have a different outlook on life after reading it.

Alive was a riveting read. The details of each survivor's experiences in the Andes, their lives before the crash, and after their rescue caused me to question my own abilities, ethics, social skills and leadership abilities. The organization and discipline these men exhibited under the worst possible conditions was mind blowing.

My God !!..This is such an outstanding book. I met Mr.Gustavo Zerbino in january, 2005 during a meeting he held in the company I used to work for. He talked about his experience on the mountain for about an hour and he covered many details related to how much they did to survive up there. Since that time, I became so interested in getting to know much more about this real story, therefore I decided to purchase this book. There are so many details in it that Mr Zerbino couldn't talk about due to time reasons, then, by reading Alive, I could picture what those guys suffered there on the mountain in a way as I was right there. Most of the chapters are really tough to read, but it is a way we can learn about the experience accurately. I really recommend it 100 % !!. I am looking forward to read the books written by Canessa and Nando Parrado very soon. Thank you.

I read Miracle in the Andes by Nando Parrado, one of the survivors before reading Alive. Nando was one of the two survivors that somehow hiked to safety and thus saved the rest. His book was written many years after the event. Alive was written within a few years of the crash by Piers Paul Read who interviewed many of the survivors. Both books are excellent. I slightly prefer Parrado's book. If you have never read the story, read one of these books. It is an incredible story.

Alive is a book that speaks about human beings, trapped in the worst condition anyone can be caught in; freezing conditions, without adequate protection nor food, dead friends all around, 16

persons remaining alive from the 45 passengers, and no sign of a rescue nor an end to this ordeal. The only way out is to help each other and find a way to survive. The ordeal doesn't last a day or 2 but 10 weeks. I have read *Alive* when it first came out in the 70's, when I was young and life was fast around me. I am reading this book all over again 30 years later, and I think this book should be thought in every university as it teaches how we could or should think in desperate situation, what could be done or what are the options instead. Bad satiations always happen in life however how many times do we get the chance to find out or read about it the way we do in this book. This is one of the best books I have read, and I recommend it for anyone who wants to learn from a deep and human story

What those boys experienced in those mountains for 10 weeks was absolutely horrendous. I believe their faith in the Lord and the prayers and perseverance of their families and their determination to stay alive to get back to their loved ones is what saved them. I vaguely remember their story when it appeared in the papers in 1972 and I remember being judgmental at the time about their survival techniques. But I was younger then and now that I am older I fully empathize and understand the very dangerous situation they were in. They were so brave. I saw the movie version on Netflix recently and wanted to read their story. Of course the book was better. This is an excellent read and keeps you on the edge of your seat to the end.

I read the book in one day-couldn't put it down. Then I found a copy of 'Miracle in the Andes' by Nando Parrado, one of the survivors. If you take the time to read both books, you'll come away with a true sense of what all of these 'Survivor' shows on tv are trying to capture. This is the real thing, however. It was not scripted.

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