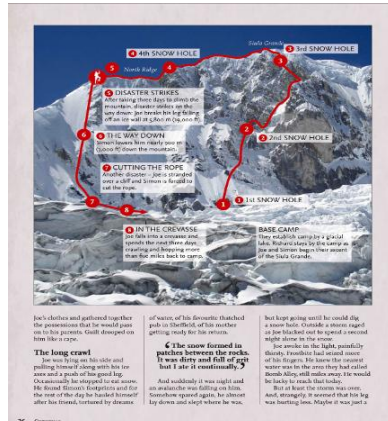


THE TIMES EXTREME SURVIVORS – Fearless Feats of the Fortunate Few

The Times Extreme Survivors, published by **Times Books** in September 2011, tells the tales of the human beings who have been pushed to the very limits of survival. A compilation of astonishing tales of human endurance and endeavour, these are the stories of the people who have overcome insurmountable odds.

The Times Extreme Survivors includes sixty of the most daring escapes, famous shipwrecks, and ultimate survival stories. The statistics, descriptions, archive photographs and illustrative maps give the reader a full understanding of, amongst other stories, how Anthony Farrar-Hockley evaded capture after the Battle of Imjin River in the Korean War, and how Shackleton's men survived the incredible journey by boat to South Georgia. Contemporary accounts also describe recent well-known stories, like the 2009 'Miracle on the Hudson', when heroic pilot, Chesley Sullenberger, safely crash-landed his Airbus A320 into the Hudson river; the 'Miracle of Stairway B', where 16 people survived the 9/11 World Trade Centre collapse; and Joe Simpson's crawl to safety in the South American Andean mountains.

British adventurer, writer and television presenter, **Bear Grylls** introduces the compendium, drawing on his own death-defying experiences, and his role as Chief Scout of the United Kingdom.



invisible tent. Perhaps he could walk on it now. He stood up and passed out with the agony he was getting, delirious.

Joe reached the mountain at the end of the rope and made a split from his sleeping mat and ropes, ropes. But he couldn't crawl on the mat, nor walk, so he had to try a different route.

He entered a delirium of terror, pain and freezing. There he remained for an hour in complete darkness. He would die in a few minutes, he thought. But he didn't. This galvanized him into action. When he awoke he was in the middle of the mountain.

He found himself scrambling down a rocky ice shelf that he remembered from the way he had had stepped away from the frequent falls of snow. There was no one to hear him, so what was the point?

He became obsessed with getting to the top of the mountain. He had to get to the top of the mountain. He had to get to the top of the mountain. He had to get to the top of the mountain.

Camp

Another day had brought Stone's strength back. He had to get to the top of the mountain. He had to get to the top of the mountain. He had to get to the top of the mountain.

Another night

Joe had reached the top of the mountain. He had to get to the top of the mountain. He had to get to the top of the mountain. He had to get to the top of the mountain.

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