

Chapter 18

This chapter discusses *summit fever*. Can you find and quote three passages in the novel where summit fever is evident?

Example: “Not wanting to jeopardize their ascent by stopping to assist him, the Japanese team continued climbing toward the summit.” (pg. 253)

“Above 8000 metres is not a place where people can afford morality.” (pg. 253)

Do you agree or disagree with this quote, and why?

Chapter 19

In this chapter Jon questions the expedition, “what’s going on here? What have we done to make the mountain so angry?” (pg. 262) How would you answer him?

Chapter 20

This chapter highlights a difference between the book and the movie as it pertains to the helicopter rescue- what is the difference?

Chapter 21

Once back in his hotel room, how does Jon start to cope with his grief? (pg. 281)

Krakauer outlines three possible reasons for the ill-fated summit attempt- what are they? (pg. 284-285)

The novel finishes by focusing on the South African team. What happened to them?

Epilogue

The epilogue of the novel includes many personal letters that were sent to Krakauer after the expedition. These are very enlightening. Choose one letter and write a first-person response.