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Rescue (DK Eyewitness Books)



Synopsis

Experience heart-pounding rescues with real-life heroes! Here is a compelling guide to the exciting world of the emergency rescue services. Dramatic full-color photographs of real incidents, equipment, clothing, and rescue techniques offer insight into the dangerous work of the heroes who risk their lives to save others. See the protective clothing that firefighters wear, the first rescue vehicles, how animals can save people's lives, and what equipment an ambulance carries. Learn how to survive until help arrives, about the work of international aid organizations, how passengers were rescued after the Titanic sunk, and how people survive in times of war. Discover how rescuers locate people in collapsed buildings, why radio became essential for rescue services, how mountain rescue teams operate, what happens when a plane crashes, and much, much more.

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Customer Reviews

SOS! With this well-known international distress call (it stands for Save Our Souls), many a stranded survivor of disaster has attempted to spread the word that help is needed--fast. And whether survivors are at sea, buried in earthquake rubble, lost on mountains, or trapped in a crashed car, remarkable rescue workers--human and animal--are equipped to rush in and save

souls. Dorling Kindersley is renowned for its stunning reference books; Rescue is no exception. This guide to the thrilling world of emergency rescue service is chock-full of compelling photos of real incidents, rescue techniques, protective clothing, vehicles, and supplies. Informative text instructs readers how to survive until help arrives (it's not a comprehensive how-to, though) and allows them a peek at the lives of firefighters, mountain rescue teams, lifeguards, wartime rescuers, and natural and environmental disaster workers. From historical events (the Chernobyl meltdown, the Oklahoma City bombing, the sinking of the Titanic) to futuristic technologies in the works (mine-detector robots, battery-operated personal beacon devices for people at sea, radar flashlights that allow police to "see" through walls in a hostage situation), rescue situations and solutions never fail to fascinate. (Ages 9 and older) --Emilie Coulter

The folks at DK have almost single-handedly rejuvenated if not reinvented the often moribund world of non-fiction books for children. [Eyewitness series] (Newsweek) ...a mini museum between the covers of a book. [Eyewitness series] (The New York Times) These books' striking visual impact will draw in even the most casual readers. [Eyewitness series] (School Library Journal)

it's okay I guess

I purchased this for my grandson's fifth birthday, we love it. We are a rescue family, he is the next generation :)

'Eyewitness Rescue' is about just what you would think it is about--all kinds of rescue! But first--just as in real life and in this book--"First on the scene. In any rescue operation, the priorities are to locate those who need help, assist those who are injured, trapped, or in danger, and take them to a place of safety." As with all Eyewitness books the two-page spread is divided between text and photographs. The next two sections are curious but responsible. First, fictional rescues, e.g. an illustration from "Lassie Come Home," novel and television series in which Lassie, a collie, rescues people from fires and drowning; second, historical rescues, e.g. the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906 and rescue vehicles and materials at the time. The rest of the book, some 50 pages, details the various kinds of rescue: through the use of technology, fire departments, air ambulances, emergency medicine, the police force, armed-response teams, coastal rescues, mountain rescues, using animals for rescue, wartime rescues, natural disasters, and remote rescues. There are more. Just a couple of examples that jumped out at me. Dog soldiers (who receive medals for

bravery) are trained to go out into battlefields to locate wounded but still living soldiers. There, next to the human, the dog lies until rescue arrives. Another is an amputation kit from the 18th century. It had varying sizes of saws and knives to cut varying sizes of human limbs from fingers to legs. Hot pitch was used to seal cauterized wounds. Later an ointment made of egg yolks and turpentine sealed the wounds and improved survival rates. More modern examples of rescue techniques include the police helicopter equipped with a heat-sensing camera to locate missing people or suspects even in darkness or bad weather. One other example is the pain relief available to victims with serious injuries. This is administered through anesthetic gas. Every ambulance carries a Primary Response Pack loaded with all manner of emergency supplies. Every time I read through an Eyewitness book I think about children reading each one and getting an idea for a future career or field of study. An area of rescue is surely a noble calling.

I love these books. This one talks about the different ways to rescue people and who does these brave, honorable deeds. I was able to write a two and a half page report using only this book. It is cramed with information. For example there is a special team devoted to rescuing only animals! There are a lot of cool facts like that in the pages of this great reasearch tool. It can also be read for fun. It is a great book for that too. If you want to know about recue, anthing at all, this is the book for you!

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