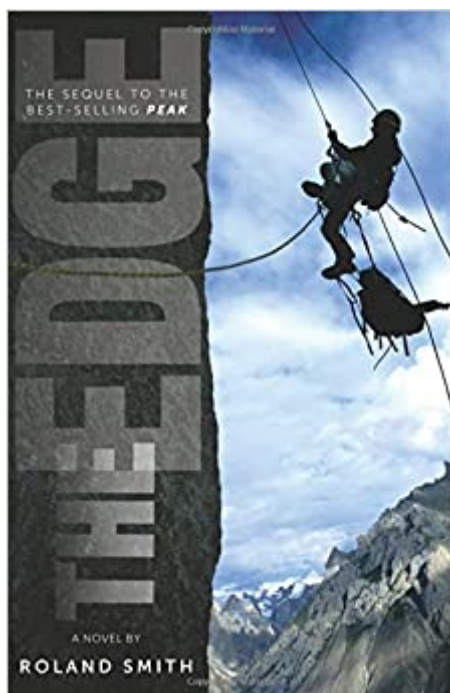


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# The Edge (A Peak Marcello Adventure)



## Synopsis

The International Peace Ascent is the brainchild of billionaire Sebastian Plank: Recruit a global team of young climbers and film an inspiring, world-uniting documentary. The adventure begins when fifteen-year-old Peak Marcello and his mountaineer mother are helicoptered to a remote base camp in the Hindu Kush Mountains on the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. When the camp is attacked and his mother taken, Peak has no choice but to track down the perpetrators to try to save her. Fans of the bestselling Peak will be thrilled with this gripping, high-stakes sequel.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 12 - 17 years

Grade Level: 7 and up

## Customer Reviews

Gr 6-10 "Six months after a perilous attempt to summit Mount Everest in Peak (HMH, 2007), 15-year-old Peak Marcello and a film crew are off to climb the Pamir mountains of Afghanistan. Dubbed the Peace Climb, in which 200 international teens are climbing the world's various mountains simultaneously, the event offers Peak an opportunity to exercise his Spiderman-like skills on something other than the tall buildings in his native New York. Joined by his mother, Teri, an experienced climber who was known as The Fly in her day, and by Zopa, a respected Sherpa friend from Everest, Peak is more focused on the climb than on Afghanistan's outlaw factions, which pose more than a slight travel risk. When kidnappers kill the documentary director and two guides and

take Teri, Zopa, and others in the middle of the night, Peak and ex-Marine climber Ethan set out to rescue them. A budding romantic interest in one of the teen hostages, French climber Josette, is one more reason Peak runs into the face of danger with no weapon, no means of communication, and temperature extremes that ensure an untimely death. All the while being tracked by a shen (snow leopard), the unlikely heroes pool their military and outdoor survival knowledge for a nail-biting rescue attempt that will have middle school and older reluctant readers turning pages. VERDICT Extreme sports meets ruthless killers in a survival-of-the-fittest chase.â "Vicki Reutter, State University of New York at Cortland --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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I tell my students not to use capitals but more sophisticated vocabulary and I am sure Vincent would agree, but forgive me for saying, "I LOVE this novel!!" I laughed out loud so many times and even made my family stop what they were doing to read sections to them - - and they laughed too. I cried, no wept in other sections and with the vivid description of the terror the characters' experienced, I was scared to death. I had to wait until this year's group of seventh graders finished PEAK before I could start, so there was a great deal of anticipation building especially when my co-teacher came in starting to talk excitedly about the book and I had to stop him. It did not disappoint - what a ride. I have used PEAK with seventh graders since the novel came out and know the characters and Roland's writing maybe better than he does. (just kidding, Roland). Thank you Roland Smith for including Zopa. When I talk to students about which characters would have to stay if there was a sequel Zopa is always at the top of the list and the two Peas not far behind. Also, it was thrilling to have Teri in the picture as well - what a great Mom. I would disagree with those who compare PEAK to this novel. While they have some of the same characters and oh, how I love the characters, they are two very different books. PEAK is clearly about Peak and Everest. I believe THE EDGE is truly about the hope for PEACE. When Zopa tells Peak to ask the other characters how he wants the story to end... BRILLIANT!! Students could spend a week discussing all of the elements of literature!! And for those who just want to read and not analyze, it is a quirky twist that shows how we as a society need to take back the narrative. The snow leopard shadow is has to be my favorite as I believe animals are truly intuitive! Books should make us feel and think - - this novel does that in a divine way. Thank you, Roland Smith!

Outstanding book! Our twin 10 year old boys have really enjoyed this book and the authors other

book Peak. The two books keep their interest in the storyline and the content is real without going overboard for their age. Great for their advanced reading level.

I LOVED Peak and used it every year in my fifth grade classroom as an example of character development and theme. I was so excited to see that there was a sequel. I bought it and read it in two days, excited to see if I would be able to use it as a mentor text for my gifted reading class. I definitely feel like this book was an adventure climbing story without the depth of the original. Maybe the relationships and climax in Peak was so pivotal that I expected too much, but this will not make my list of favorite books. Not bad, just nowhere near as good as the original.

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breathtaking and fast paced at every twist and turn..... amazing story..THIS IS A MUST READ Truly incredible book. Amazingly AWESOME!!!!!!!!!!!!

A great read! Pulls you in from the first page. I liked the first one, Peak, but I liked this one even better.

This fast moving sequel to PEAK is as compelling as the original book. This time, Mom gets into the climbing game.

Great service, as advertised. Got for grandson who liked the 1st one.

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