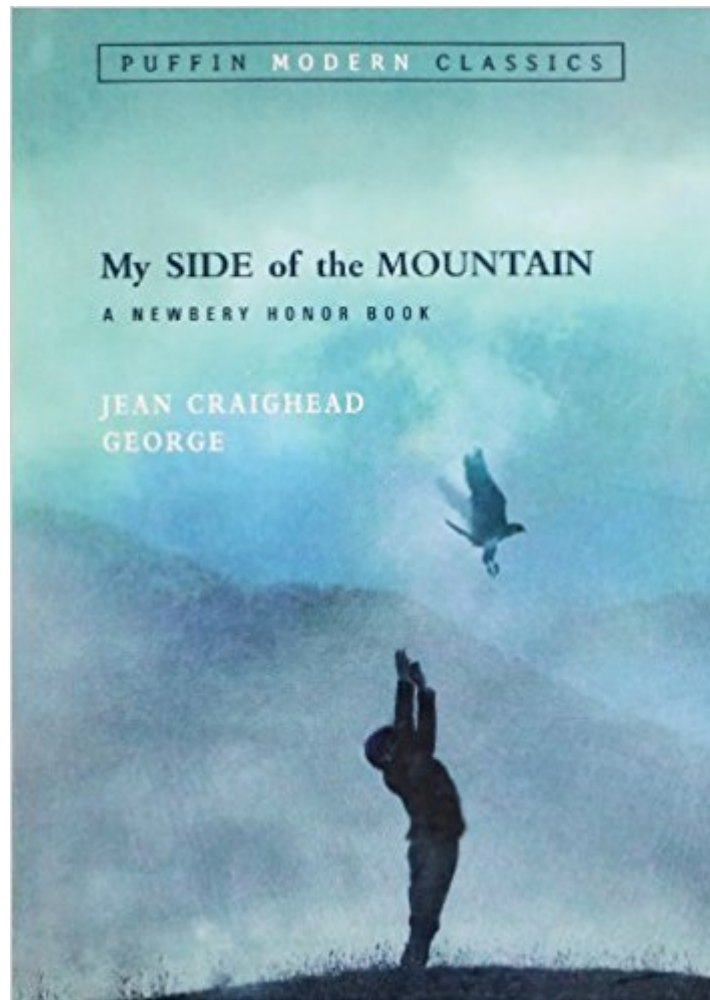




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My Side Of The Mountain (Puffin Modern Classics)



Synopsis

Terribly unhappy in his family's crowded New York City apartment, Sam Gibley runs away to the solitude-and danger-of the mountains, where he finds a side of himself he never knew.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Every kid thinks about running away at one point or another; few get farther than the end of the block. Young Sam Gibley gets to the end of the block and keeps going--all the way to the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York. There he sets up house in a huge hollowed-out tree, with a falcon and a weasel for companions and his wits as his tool for survival. In a spellbinding, touching, funny account, Sam learns to live off the land, and grows up a little in the process. Blizzards, hunters, loneliness, and fear all battle to drive Sam back to city life. But his desire for freedom, independence, and adventure is stronger. No reader will be immune to the compulsion to go right out and start whittling fishhooks and befriending raccoons. Jean Craighead George, author of more than 80 children's books, including the Newbery Medal-winning *Julie of the Wolves*, created another prizewinner with *My Side of the Mountain*--a Newbery Honor Book, an ALA Notable Book, and a Hans Christian Andersen Award Honor Book. Astonishingly, she wrote its sequel, *On the Far Side of the Mountain*, 30 years later, and a decade after that penned the final book in the trilogy, *Frightful's Mountain*, told from the falcon's point of view. George has no doubt shaped generations of young readers with her outdoor adventures of the mind and spirit. (Ages 9 to 12) --Emilie Coulter

--This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

"An extraordinary book . . . it will be read year after year."An extraordinary book... it will be read year after year. ("The Horn Book")

My husband read this book as a child and wanted me to experience it. It made you want to keep reading. When I got to the end I was sad. I wanted to learn more,

I read the first book as a child and loved it then (and now.) It is what got me fascinated with "survival" skills aka living off the land in the wild. I enjoyed rereading it, partly for itself and partly for nostalgia. I remember movie critics Siskel and Ebert saying the way to evaluate a sequel, is to ask yourself whether, without the original, you'd nevertheless enjoy it. Applying that approach to the second and third books in the trilogy (written some 40 years after the first): Yes, I'd have enjoyed them as stand-alones but, as such, I'd likely have given them only 2 or 3 stars whereas the original was definitely 5 star material - for the age group at which it seemed to be targeting: boys and girls 12-18(?)

I read My Side of the Mountain when I was in junior high school, and I wanted to get this book for my son. I read it before I gave it to him, and I couldn't put it down. Each night I read one of the the trilogy and I remembered why I loved it so much as a kid. My son is in 2nd grade and now he is reading it too. He is young, but reads non stop so a novel isn't too much for him. I am so glad I finally own this book, it's a great book to turn kids onto reading, and it is a great book for all ages.

A great gift for young adults who are into adventure/primitive living while learning through trial and error of being self-reliant.

So far my kids are loving this book. We've been reading it together at night and my brother and I did the same thing with my mom when we were kids.

My 12 yr old son and I loved this book - you must read On the Edge of Nowhere - a true story! you will love it but there are parts that are NOT appropriate for children - I just self edited but was totally worth it!

Both my husband and myself really enjoyed this book. A good read for kids of all ages.

My favorite book as a child. Very happy to have it back in my collection for my children to read.

Book is in EXCELLENT. Condition!

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