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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.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

'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.

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