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In my reading nook



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There's an exciting stack of books in my reading nook this week. Being an armchair adventurer, I have picked up a book recommended by son Michael called *Left for Dead: My Journey Home from Everest* by Beck Weathers. We both became fascinated by stories of daring and dangerous mountain climbing expeditions after Michael was assigned *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer as summer reading before 9th grade at Canadian Academy in Kobe, Japan. The book made the rounds of our family and we finally had those book discussions around the dinner table that I had always dreamed about!

Weathers tells the story of the same Everest expedition that Krakauer painstakingly records in his account of the Mt. Everest disaster of May 10, 1996, but from an even more personal viewpoint: Weathers was the man that was left for dead on the mountain, only to be seen 12 hours later stumbling into base camp as a "dead man walking." I am already hooked on this one!

I can hardly wait to open a very personal memoir, *Home is Where My Earrings Are*, by my former colleague, Dannie Russell, a woman of amazing talent and boundless energy. I look forward to reading her stories about life on the international education circuit in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.