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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Addressing readers as would-be Everest explorers, Jenkins's book is a compendium of historical info and practical tips, illustrated with stunning cut-paper collage, wrote PW. Ages 6-10.

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From Library Journal

Grade 2-6-A windfall of facts about Everest and the daring mountaineers who have attempted to reach its summit. Breathtaking cut-paper collages capture the dramatic vistas and the frightening realities of high-altitude climbs.

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From [Booklist](#)

Gr. 3[^]-5. The author-artist who gave us *Biggest, Strongest, Fastest* (1995) and *What Do You Do When Something Wants to Eat You* (1997) turns his attention to a slightly older audience in a picture book that takes readers on an armchair tour up the tallest peak on Earth. In preparation for the trek, Jenkins presents some background on Everest (including a brief comment on the ecological nightmare tourism has caused) and on some of the people who have scaled it. There's also a double-page spread devoted to climbing equipment. Then it's up to the top, complete with descriptions of some of the things climbers may see en route and some insight into how the cold and altitude will affect their bodies. Jenkins' papercut illustrations are extraordinary--feathery light to catch the effect of fog radiating off the mountains, mottled and striated to replicate rocky plateaus, pebbled to look like ice flowers. The typeface is sometimes uncomfortably small, and words occasionally disappear into the strongly colored backgrounds, but this is still a very attractive book, with plenty of substance for curious children. *Stephanie Zvirin*

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