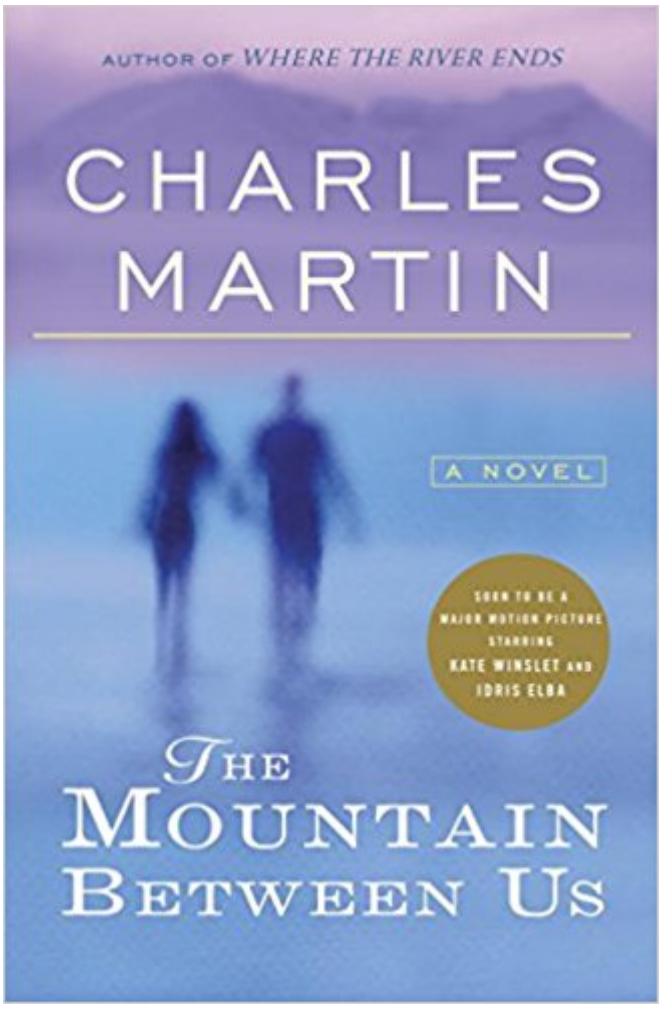
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The Mountain Between Us: A Novel



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Synopsis

Soon to be a major motion picture starring Kate Winslet and Idris ElbaFrom the author of Where the River Ends, comes this page-turning story of love and survival.On a stormy winter night, two strangers wait for a flight at the Salt Lake City airport.Ã Â Ashley Knox is an attractive, successful writer, who is flying East for her much anticipated wedding.Ã Â Dr. Ben Payne has just wrapped up a medical conference and is also eager to get back East for a slate of surgeries he has scheduled for the following day.Ã Â Ã Â When the last outgoing flight is cancelled due to a broken de-icer and a forthcoming storm, Ben finds a charter plane that can take him around the storm and drop him in Denver to catch a connection.Ã Â Ã Â And when the pilot says the single engine prop plane can fit one more, if barely, Ben offers the seat to Ashley knowing that she needs to get back just as urgently.Ã Â Ã Â And then the unthinkable happens.Ã Â The pilot has a heart attack mid-flight and the plane crashes into the High Uintas Wilderness-- one of the largest stretches of harsh and remote land in the United States.Ã Â Ã Â Ben, who has broken ribs and Ashley, who suffers a terrible leg fracture, along with the pilot's dog, are faced with an incredibly harrowing battle to survive.Ã Â Ã Â Fortunately, Ben is a medical professional and avid climber (and in a lucky break, has his gear from a climb earlier in the week).Ã Â With little hope for rescue, he must nurse Ashley back to health and figure out how they are going to get off the mountain, where the temperature hovers in the teens.Ã Â Ã Â Meanwhile, Ashley soon realizes that the very private Ben has some serious emotional wounds to heal as well.Ã Â He explains to Ashley that he is separated from his beloved wife, but in a long standing tradition, he faithfully records messages for her on his voice recorder reflecting on their love affair.Ã Â As Ashley eavesdrops on Ben's tender words to his estranged wife she comes to fear that when it comes to her own love story, she's just settling.Ã Â And what's more: she begins to realize that the man she is really attracted to, the man she may love, is Ben.Ã Â As the days on the mountains become weeks, their survival become increasingly perilous.Ã Â How will they make it out of the wilderness and if they do, how will this experience change them forever?Ã Â Both a tender and page-turning read, The Mountain Between Us will reaffirm your belief in the power of love to sustain us.

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Customer Reviews

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PreludeÃ Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â
HeyÃ¢â ¬Â¦Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â IÃ¢â ¬â„¢m not sure what time it is.Ã Â This thing should record that.Ã Â I woke a few minutes ago.Ã Â ItÃ¢â ¬â„¢s still dark.Ã Â I donÃ¢â ¬â„¢t know how long I was out.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â The snow is spilling in through the windshield. ItÃ¢â ¬â„¢s frozen across my face.Ã Â Hard to blink.Ã Â Feels like dried paint on my cheeks.Ã Â It just doesnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t taste like dried paint.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â IÃ¢â ¬â„¢m shiveringÃ¢â ¬Â¦and it feels like somebody is sitting on my chest.Ã Â CanÃ¢â ¬â„¢t catch my breath. Maybe broke two or three ribs.Ã Â Might have a collapsed lung.
Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â The wind up here is steady, leaning against the tail of the fuselageÃ¢â ¬Â¦or whatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s left of it.Ã Â Something above me, maybe a branch, is slapping the plexi-glass.Ã Â Sounds like fingernails on a chalkboard.Ã Â And more cold air is coming in behind me.Ã Â Where the tail used to be.Ã Â Ã Â
Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â I can smell gas.Ã Â I guess both wings were still pretty full of fuel.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â I keep feeling like I want to throw up.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â A hand is wrapped around mine. The fingers are cold and calloused.Ã Â ThereÃ¢â ¬â„¢s a wedding band, worn thin around the edges.Ã Â ThatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Grover.
Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â He was dead before we hit the treetops.Ã Â IÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll never understand how he landed this thing without killing me, too.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â When we took off, the ground temperature

was in the single digits.Ã Â Not sure what it is now.Ã Â Feels colder.Ã Â Our elevation should be around eleven-five. Ã Â Give or take.Ã Â We couldnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t have fallen more than five hundred feet when Grover dipped the wing.Ã Â The control panel sits dark, unlit.Ã Â Dusted in white.Ã Â Every few minutes the GPS on the dash will flicker, then go black again.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â There was a dog here somewhere.Ã Â All teeth and muscle.Ã Â Real short hair.Ã Â About the size of a loaf of bread.Ã Â Makes snotty, gurgling sounds when he breathes.Ã Â Looks like heÃ¢â ¬â„¢s jacked up on speed.Ã Â WaitÃ¢â ¬Â¦Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã¢â ¬ËœHey, boyÃ¢â ¬Â¦WaitÃ¢â ¬Â¦no.Ã Â Not there. Okay, lick but donÃ¢â ¬â„¢t jump.Ã Â WhatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s your name?Ã Â You scared?Ã Â YeahÃ¢â ¬Â¦me, too.Ã¢â ¬â„¢ Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â I canÃ¢â ¬â„¢t remember his name.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â IÃ¢â ¬â„¢m backÃ¢â ¬Â¦was I gone long?Ã Â ThereÃ¢â ¬â„¢s a dog here.Ã Â Buried between my coat and armpit.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Did I already tell you about him?Ã Â I canÃ¢â ¬â„¢t remember his name.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â HeÃ¢â ¬â„¢s shivering and the wrinkles around his eyes are quivering.Ã Â Whenever the wind howls, he jumps up and growls at it.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â The memoryÃ¢â ¬â„¢s foggy.Ã Â Grover and I were talking, he was flying, maybe banking right, the dash flashed a buffet of blue and green lights, a carpet of black stretched out below us, not a light bulb for sixty miles in any direction, andÃ¢â ¬Â¦there was a woman.Ã Â Trying to get home to her fiancÃƒÂ© and a rehearsal dinner.Ã Â IÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll look.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã¢â ¬Â¦I found her.Ã Â Unconscious. Elevated pulse.Ã Â Eyes are swollen shut.Ã Â Pupils are dilated.Ã Â Probably a concussion. Several lacerations across her face.Ã Â A few will need stitches.Ã Â Right shoulder is dislocated and left femur is broken.Ã Â It didnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t break the skin but, her leg is angling out and suit leg is tight.Ã Â I need to set itÃ¢â ¬Â¦once I catch my breath.Ã Â Ã¢â ¬Â¦ItÃ¢â ¬â„¢s getting colder. I guess the storm finally caught us.Ã Â If I donÃ¢â ¬â„¢t get us wrapped in somethingÃ¢â ¬Â¦weÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll freeze to death before daylight.Ã Â IÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll have to set that leg in the morning.Ã Â RachelÃ¢â ¬Â¦I donÃ¢â ¬â„¢t know how much time we have, donÃ¢â ¬â„¢t know if weÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll make it out, ifÃ¢â ¬Â¦butÃ¢â ¬Â¦I take it

all back.Ã Â I was wrong.Ã Â I was angry.Ã Â I never shouldÃ¢â ¬â„¢ve said it.Ã Â You were thinking about us.Ã Â Not you.Ã Â I can see that now.Ã Â
Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â YouÃ¢â ¬â„¢re right.Ã Â Right all along.Ã Â ThereÃ¢â ¬â„¢s always a chance.Ã Â Always.Ã Â

I don't remember how long it's been since I enjoyed a book as this one. I am new to Mr. Charles Martin's writing and I am sure I will be reading more of his books. I am looking forward to the motion picture coming out in October/2017. I hope they don't change a thing about the story.I know I will probably go back and read it again. Thank you Mr. Martin for such a wonderful story with such good characters.

This is the first time I've read anything by Charles Martin and it certainly won't be the last. I enjoyed every minute of this novel and can truly say I had a hard time putting it down. After their plane crashes it the Utah mountains I felt pretty sure that it was over for these two survivors.How they fight to stay alive and make it back to civilization is one great story,each day faces new challenges. The author also gives us a great twist at the end I never suspected. All in all, a great read and I'd highly recommend it.

This is one of the best books I've read in a long time. I felt like I took this journey with Ben and Ashley and I kept thinking about it days after I had finished it. Even today after I have already read 3 other books I can still remember so many of the details and I know it will be something I will read again in the year to come. I will also be reading other books by this author.

Oh my! What a beautiful story. Could not put it down. Mr. Martin is definitely my favorite author. Can hardly wait for the new book. Keep up the wonderful work!

Maybe could've stopped while he had a better chance. Hope the screen writer trims it differently. LOVED the beginning and the middle and I WILL be curious to see the film

This is my second book to read by this author and I am ready to read even more. It is hard to stop reading and sleep because he draws you into the story. He stays with his story and and keeps you up waiting to see what is next. He shows how how much and deeply someone can love which is lost

is most romance stories. But in reading at the end I know where he finds his heart from to write .

I like their banter..I kept rooting for them to finally make it out! Overall, a great read. I only wished for some sort of epilogue..but the end was sweet & with a twist. Pick this up and read it...now a movie! So excited..

I read it slowly because I knew almost from the beginning I would be sad when it ended. The writing is that good. You take a tremendous ride with these characters and you want desperately to know them. Thank you for a great great well written story I won't forget.

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