

Rescue

The Most Daring Rescue Missions of All Time

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I read this book with an eye for how engineering might have helped in real life rescue missions. I was hoping for a few examples and, well, it turns out that engineering – from a simple knife to cut a man from a tangled parachute while dangling from an airborne plane to a state of the art air used in a tricky cave rescue - is a craft and a science which influences all walks of life and takes pride of place in rescue missions.



Throughout time, when disaster strikes, engineers came to the rescue - mining engineers, flight engineers, and heroes who became instant engineers crafting anything from make shift stretchers to sound boxes to attract attention and life saving

There is the story of Jessica McClure, the girl who fell down a well, and was rescued by, amongst others, mining engineers after a three day ordeal. And the extraordinary flight engineers who staged an amazing rescue of an injured climber from the slopes of Mount Everest. A particular favourite for me was 'Houston, we've had a problem' - the story of how engineers worked together from planet earth and space to save the astronauts on board Apollo 13 their oxygen supply having been jettisoned into space.

Daring-do, bravery, heroes young and heroes old - this book has it all and takes the reader on a world odyssey from China to South Africa, India to France and England to the U.S.A.

The illustrations are large, plainly coloured, uncluttered and certainly a part of the book children would enjoy.

It is quite text heavy therefore suitable for independent reading by a child with developed reading skills. The content too, is more suitable for the older primary child - with death and war zones featuring in some of the stories.