A river running west: the life of John Wesley Powell
Donald Worster

Intrepid explorer, careful scientist, talented writer, and dedicated conservationist, Powell led the expedition that put the Colorado River on American maps and revealed the Grand Canyon to the world. Now comes the first biography of this towering figure in almost fifty years—a book that captures his life in all its heroism, idealism, and ambivalent, ambiguous humanity.

Unbroken: a World War II story of survival, resilience, and redemption
Laura Hillenbrand

Relates the story of a U.S. airman who survived when his bomber crashed into the sea during World War II, spent forty-seven days adrift in the ocean before being rescued by the Japanese Navy, and was held as a prisoner until the end of the war.

Into Thin Air
Jon Krakauer

Accepting an assignment from Outside Magazine to investigate whether it was safe for wealthy amateur climbers to tackle the mountain, Krakauer joined an expedition guided by New Zealander Rob Hall. But Krakauer got more than he bargained for when on summit day a blinding snowstorm caught four groups on the mountain’s peaks. While Krakauer made it back to camp, eight others died...

Between a Rock and A Hard Place
Aron Ralston
796.5223 R

A mountaineer who survived a near-fatal accident by amputating his arm when it became trapped behind a boulder in Utah describes how he endured five days of hypothermia, dehydration, and hallucinations before managing his own rescue.

Born To Run
Christopher McDougall
970.3 M

McDougall reveals the secrets of the world’s greatest distance runners—the Tarahumara Indians of Copper Canyon, Mexico—and how he trained for the challenge of a lifetime: a fifty-mile race through the heart of Tarahumara country pitting the tribe against an odd band of super-athletic Americans.

Dangerous Beauty
Mark C. Ross
599.0967R

On March 1, 1999, American safari guide Mark C. Ross was camped with four clients in Uganda, searching for endangered mountain gorillas. By day’s end, two of these clients and six other tourists were dead at the hands of Rwandan rebels slipping across the border from the Congo.
Admitting an interest that borders on obsession, Krakauer searches for the clues to the drives and desires that propelled 24-year-old Chris McCandless to leave civilization behind and head into the remote Alaskan wilderness. Four months later, McCandless's emaciated corpse was found at his campsite by a hunter.

**Into The Wild**
*Jon Krakauer*
917.9804 K

Most Americans had never seen a car, never mind taken a ride in one, and gas stations and road maps were practically nonexistent. Nevertheless—Jackson (along with his mechanic pal, Sewall Crock-er...succeeded in completing the nation’s first cross-country road trip in just over two months.

**Horatio’s Drive**
*Dayton Duncan*
917.304 D

*On Celtic Tides*
*Chris Duff*
914.1504 D

A transfixing memoir, *Celtic Tides* is the vivid account of the first ever circumnavigation of Ireland by kayaks. Told with sensitivity and care, Duff's odyssey is about a lone man and a capricious sea and its moods of tranquillity and contrasting terror. But the book is more than an adventure story. It’s also about haunting beauty, ancient history, and spiritual renewal found along the storm-lashed coasts of an enchanting land.

**Krakatoa: the day the world exploded**
*Simon Winchester*
363.3495 W

Considers the global impact of the 1883 eruption of the Krakatoa volcano, documenting its cause of an immense tsunami that killed 40,000 people, its impact on the weather for several years, and its role in anti-Western Islamic fundamentalism.

**Alive**
*Piers Paul Read*
982.6 R

On October 12, 1972, an Uruguayan Air Force plane carrying a team of rugby players crashed in the remote snowy peaks of the Andes. Ten weeks later, only sixteen of the forty-five passengers were found alive.

**The lost city of Z**
*David Grann*
918.104 G

Interweaves the story of British explorer Percy Fawcett, who vanished during a 1925 expedition into the Amazon, with the author's own quest to uncover the mysteries surrounding Fawcett's final journey and the secrets of what lies deep in the Amazon jungle.

**The perfect storm: a true story of men against the sea**
*Sebastian Junger*
974.45 J

October 1991. It was "the perfect storm"—a tempest that may happen only once in a century—a nor’easter created by so rare a combination of factors that it could not possibly have been worse. Creating waves ten stories high and winds of 120 miles an hour, the storm whipped the sea to inconceivable levels few people on earth have ever witnessed. Few, except the six-man crew of the "Andrea Gail," a commercial fishing boat tragically headed toward the storm's hellish center.