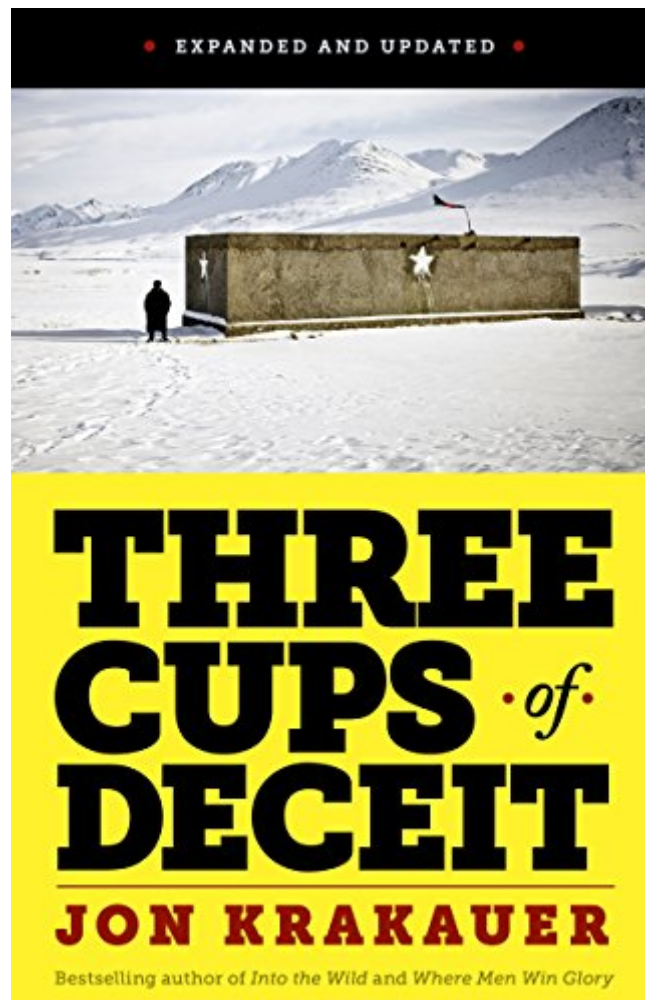




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Three Cups Of Deceit: How Greg Mortenson, Humanitarian Hero, Lost His Way (Kindle Single)



Synopsis

This vastly expanded edition, as of October 2014, includes an afterword, a detailed look at further financial improprieties committed by Mortenson, an analysis of his recent claims of innocence, and fresh evidence from new sources from Pakistan, Afghanistan, and the US. Greg Mortenson has built a global reputation as a selfless humanitarian and children's crusader, and he's been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. He is also not what he appears to be. As acclaimed author Jon Krakauer discovered, Mortenson has not only fabricated substantial parts of his bestselling books *Three Cups of Tea* and *Stones into Schools*, but has also misused millions of dollars donated by unsuspecting admirers like Krakauer himself. This is the tragic tale of good intentions gone very wrong. One hundred percent of Jon Krakauer's proceeds from the sale of *Three Cups of Deceit* will be donated to the "Stop Girl Trafficking" project at the American Himalayan Foundation (www.himalayanfoundation.org/live/project/stopgirltrafficking).

ABOUT THE AUTHOR Jon Krakauer is the author of *Eiger Dreams*, *Into the Wild*, *Into Thin Air*, *Under the Banner of Heaven*, and *Where Men Win Glory* and is the editor of the Modern Library Exploration series.

PRAISE FOR "THREE CUPS OF DECEIT" "The truth matters. Jon Krakauer's takedown of Greg Mortenson's book *Three Cups of Tea* and the charitable foundation he built from it is devastating. It is not just the fascinating story of a huckster who took publishers, philanthropists, journalists, academics, and a gullible public for a ride, but a detailed trip into the slippery netherworld where what matters most is what sells, not what really happened." —Mark Bowden, author of *Black Hawk Down* "Packed with interviews and anecdotes that undercut Mortenson's image as a cheerful do-gooder, Krakauer's account of good intentions gone horribly wrong is a stunning example of investigative journalism." —Publishers Weekly "Krakauer forcefully claims that Mortenson improperly used his charity's funds and failed to build all the schools he says he did." —Elizabeth Taylor, Literary Editor, Chicago Tribune

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Narratives

Customer Reviews

In typical Krakauer style, it is well researched and well written. I heard about the feud between Mortenson and Krakauer a few years ago. Then someone told me they refused to watch the movie Everest, based on Krakauer's book, Into Thin Air, because of his anti-Mortenson stance. So I decided to read this book to see the other side of the argument. I personally never gave money to Mortenson's charity, and after reading this, I'm very glad I didn't.

The story of a man going off the rails. Greg Mortenson founded the Central Asia Institute to build schools in impoverished areas of Asia but somehow either lost focus or willingly deceived donors. The book carefully illustrated where things went wrong but there was little about Mortenson's motivation. Reading Mortenson's book, Three Cups of Tea, fills you with admiration and a desire to help. Krakauer's book documents the deception behind the scenes.

Exhaustively researched, enlightening, sobering. I love Krakauer's writing - it's no hyperbole to say his books have changed the course of my life, so it was hard to bear his heartbroken, vitriolic jeremiad, justifiable though it is. And probably just as hard to bear is the downfall of an admired character like Mortenson, who, like so many, start down that road paved with good intentions but lack the inner fortitude to withstand "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune". If you've read "Three Cups of Tea" you owe it to humanity to read Krakauer's follow-up. Then go out and do small acts of local kindness that you can see through to the end and won't bring you fortune and fame.

I've had this book, *Three Cups of Deceit*, on my Kindle for a long time and couldn't bring myself to read it. Greg Mortenson was a hero in my eyes. The book is excellent, and Krakauer himself was a supporter of Mortenson. Then the lies started to pile up...He paints Mortenson as a human who lost his way, having to move to the next lie to justify the previous. Multiple Ghost writers made this easier. And the rules that govern most of us didn't apply in Greg Mortenson's eyes, financial accountability especially. It is very sad that such a good intent went astray, some of the schools he built have been abandoned, or were never used. Their location was good on paper but not what the local people needed. If you read *Three Cups of Tea* and *Stones for Schools*, I urge you to read *Three Cups of Deceit*. No money from his two books in anyway reached the projects! It lined Mr. Mortenson's pockets. For Shame!

After reading an article in *Parade* magazine I couldn't wait to read Greg Mortenson's book, *Three Cups of Tea*, and his attempts to set up schools in remote areas. However, later news articles started to paint a different picture of what his foundation was actually accomplishing and at what cost. I kept hoping it was all a simple problem that could be easily fixed. However, Jon Krakauer, an early supporter, does a thorough job of researching and backing up a history of fictionalized exploits and financial mismanagement by Mortenson that convinced me that Mortenson is in a world of his own making, spinning tales and spending foundation money with no concern for accountability. A wake-up call for anyone wanting to donate to a charity. Most disappointingly, Mortenson gives no indication that he believes he has done anything wrong. A good read.

Krakauer is an amazing writer, and brought all of his skills as a writer and researcher to this volume. I was devastated when I first heard that Mortenson was no more than a con. Krakauer gave me facts to fill in the gossip, but not to ease my mind. I also wonder if the exposure of Mortenson's misuse of funds and trust did not bring about his suicide. We can only wonder how he might have redeemed himself had he lived.

Reading *Three Cups of Tea* is a must before reading this book. I understand why Krakauer felt the need to write this book, the evidence against Mortenson is glaring and Krakauer does an excellent job of researching his facts. But, I found myself skipping over some of the details, too much information I guess for my liking. But overall, an interesting read.

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