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In April 1992, Chris McCandless set off alone into the Alaskan wild. He had given his savings to charity, abandoned his car and his possessions, and burnt the money in his wallet, determined to live a life of independence.

Jo Krakauer writes about the heart of the wilderness, its terrible beauty and it relentless harshness. Into the Wild is a modern classic of travel writing, and riveting exploration of what drives some of us to risk more than we can afford to lose.



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- John Krakauer Raised in Corvallis, Oregon, Jon Krakauer graduated from Hampshire College in 1976, after which he worked as a carpenter and commercial salmon fisherman in Alaska before embarking on a career as a writer. He is the author of 8 books, including Into the Wild, Into Thin Air (which was one of three finalists for the 1998 Pulitzer Prize in General Nonfiction), Under the Banner of Heaven, Where Men Win Glory, Missoula, and Classic Krakauer. His work has also been published by National Geographic, Rolling Stone, Smithsonian, The New Yorker, The Washington Post, and The New York Times.
- **He said...** 'I never studied writing, but I'd always been a reader and had a secret fantasy about being a writer.'

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• Did you know? Krakauer began climbing at the age of eight, at his father's encouragement, and had summited Mt. Rainier (14,411 feet) by the age of 10, in 1964. That is approximately the same height as 1000 double decker buses stacked on top of each other.



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St Ives School Tutor Reading: Routine

Ready Respectful Safe

- Ready arrive promptly and settle quickly at the start of the session
- Respectful listen, in silence, to their tutor and visiting adults reading



• Safe – follow instructions from staff, first time every time, including tracking the text with their reading ruler, and sitting with good posture