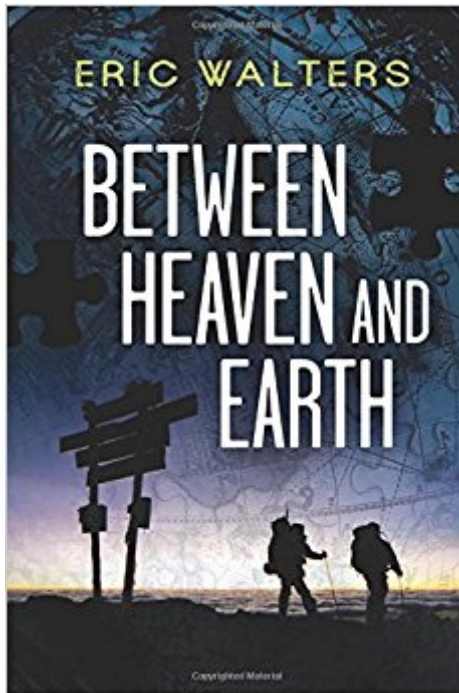




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Synopsis

DJ is David McLean's eldest grandson, so it stands to reason that he be the one to scatter his beloved grandfather's ashes. At least that's how DJ sees it. He's always been the best at everything—sports, school, looking after his fatherless family—so climbing Kilimanjaro is just another thing he'll accomplish almost effortlessly. Or so he thinks, until he arrives in Tanzania and everything starts to go wrong. He's detained at immigration, he gets robbed, his climbing group includes an old lady and he gets stuck with the first ever female porter. Forced to go polepole (slowly), DJ finds out the hard way that youth, fitness level and drive have nothing to do with success on the mountain—or in life. DJ's adventures start in *Jungle Land*, part of *The Seven Prequels* and continue in *Sleeper*, part of *The Seven Sequels*.

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"The rich setting and the thrilling details of the climb will make readers yearn for their own adventure. However, graphic descriptions of altitude sickness and stomach-twisting trail food leave no false illusions that the journey will be an easy one...Richly detailed and satisfying." (Kirkus Reviews 2012-09-01)"An amazing book—Between Heaven and Earth will leave readers wanting to read the rest of the series!" (Rachel C. YALSA YA Galley Teen Review 2012-08-02)"Strikingly realistic...It really made me want to experience the climb for myself." (YALSA YA Galley Teen Review 2012-08-21)"A story of determination and will that forces the characters to

reconsider what is truly important in life and why they are really climbing the mountain." (YALSA YA Galley Teen Review 2012-08-21)"Walters' style is, as usual, quick and catchy, but smooth and engaging at the same time. His characters are well-developed, focusing mainly on three people, DJ, Sarah, and Doris, as they struggle to make their way toward the summit and deposit DJ's grandfather's ashes....Walters' has written a fantastic story that will capture the attention of young readers and keep them engaged until the last page...Highly Recommended." (CM Magazine 2012-09-07)"While DJ's overconfidence makes it hard to root for him at first, his growth along the way soon transforms him into a more palatable hero. The biggest draw, though, is Walter's keen attention to atmosphere, detail, and setting...Mount Kilimanjaro is a character unto itself. " (Publishers Weekly 2012-09-24)"Walters is known for action-adventure novels that appeal to boys, and his latest project, Seven (The Series), is no exception...A solid outdoor adventure story." (Quill & Quire 2012-11-01)"I enjoyed how DJ was able to relate to the Tanzanians and how the characters helped each other in their climb up the mountain. I recommend it as a fast, fun read." (Teen reviewer, San Francisco Book Review 2012-11-06)"[The] adventures are exciting and readers will be anxious to pick up the next book in the series. Great for middle grade boys who want realistic fiction with action and suspense." (NJ Youth Services 2012-12-05)"I would highly recommend this for any collection needing a fast paced quick read including a boy and an adventure. The story was well written and the characterization was well thought out. This would be a great story even for reluctant readers." (Southwest Ohio and Neighboring Libraries (SWON) 2013-05-14)"Excellent resource for middle schools. Boys will love it." (TriState YA Book Review Committee 2013-01-01)

A member of the Order of Canada, Eric Walters began writing in 1993 as a way to entice his fifth-grade students into becoming more interested in reading and writing. Eric has published more than ninety novels and picture books. He is a tireless presenter, speaking to over 100,000 students per year in schools across the country. One of his most common themes, which involves the Canadian heroes featured in his novels, is helping students to become aware of the greatness of their country. He lives in Guelph, Ontario. For more information, visit www.ericwalters.net.

Great book

This is the second book I have read in this series that proposes that its books can be read in any order. I chose this book because it was about the brother of the boy in the first book I read, Lost

Cause. I have to say I probably enjoyed this one more, though they are quite different books; Lost Cause being very historical and Walters' book is pure adrenaline outdoor adventure. About mountain climbing, DJ, the eldest grandson at 17 years old is tasked to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. Full of action, before he even hits the foothills, DJ is arrested on suspicion of drug smuggling and later has his belongings stolen by street kids. The mountain climb is exciting and will mostly appeal to boys owing to a marked emphasis on altitude sickness and the accompanying abdominal irregularities. There is very little connection with this book and the other grandsons' quests occurring in the accompanying books; Lost Cause had much more interaction, naturally leading me to this book about DJ. From this book there is no discernible suggestion as to which book would make a likely next choice so I'll just pick whichever takes my fancy at the library. As to the author, I have not read Walters before. I always get Canadian authors Eric Walters and Eric Wilson (whom I *have* read many of his teen mysteries) mixed up so I wasn't sure which one this was until I looked at his bio. I really enjoyed the writing style though and would like to try his other work as he is quite lauded for his books aimed at male teen readers.

Orca's The Seven Series gives us seven authors each writing the story of one of David McLean's grandsons. During the reading of David's will, four of his daughters and six of his grandsons learn that David left letters instructing each grandson to complete a task. At the same time, they learn there was another daughter and another grandson. This book follows the oldest grandson, DJ, as he journeys from Toronto to Tanzania and attempts to summit Mount Kilimanjaro. There DJ is to scatter some of his grandfather's ashes which are stored in the handle of David's cane. DJ is likeable but overly confident; he expects to take just two days to summit the mountain and another to descend. There is lots of action and good information about how conditions at high altitudes affect the human body. I appreciated the story line about females not being able to work as porter and the young girl who wormed her way into such a position for the climb. DJ experiences loneliness, despair, and exhilaration, all within a few days. A great read!

I didn't want to put the book down once DJ started his climb. the letters from his gramps was very inspiring.

kept my attention to the end. a lovely story a great read for all ages. look forward to reading more from author

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