

Peak Roland Smith

The explosive conclusion to Roland Smith's fast-paced action series! Chase Masters and his friends have made it through the longest night of their lives, but their adventures are far from over. Now they're headed south of the border to track down the missing Rossi Brothers' Circus. With a volcano about to erupt after a massive earthquake, Chase has never faced such a serious threat to his survival!

The first in a middle-grade action-adventure series from Roland Smith! Chase Masters and his father are "storm runners," racing across the country in pursuit of hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods. Anywhere bad weather strikes, they are not far behind. Chase is learning more on the road than he ever would just sitting in a classroom. But when the hurricane of the century hits, he will be tested in ways he never could have imagined.

A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.

After Nick's British father's plantation in Burma is invaded by the Japanese in 1941, and his father and others are taken prisoner, Nick and his friend Mya plan a daring escape on elephants, risking their lives to save Nick's father and Mya's brother from the prisoner of war camp.

When Jack Osborne is befriended by his school's custodian and a Basque girl, he begins to adjust to his family's sudden move to Elko, Nevada, after entering the Witness Security Program, but the drug cartel against which his father will testify is determi

When falling crop prices threaten his family with starvation, fifteen-year-old Victor Flores heads north in an attempt to "cross the wire" from Mexico into the United States so he can find work and send money home. But with no coyote money to pay the smugglers who sneak illegal workers across the border, Victor must struggle to survive as he jumps trains, stows away on trucks, and hikes grueling miles through the Arizona desert. Victor's journey is fraught with danger, freezing cold, scorching heat, hunger, and dead ends. It's a gauntlet run by millions attempting to cross the border.

Through Victor's often desperate struggle, Will Hobbs brings to life one of the great human dramas of our time.

Roland Smith makes his Scholastic debut with a middle-grade adventure novel about the search for a mysterious creature--the giant squid--in this sequel to CRYPTID HUNTERS. Marty and Grace O'Hara's globe-trotting parents disappeared while on assignment for a nature magazine, and now they're living with their Uncle Wolfe, a scientist fascinated by cryptids--creatures that appear in myths but haven't been proven to exist, such as the Loch Ness Monster. Wolfe is planning an expedition to New Zealand to track a giant squid, and he's rented a huge (and possibly haunted) freighter for the trip. But someone on board is determined to sabotage their mission--and if Marty and Grace keep poking their noses into things, they might end up the saboteur's next victims!

What waits Beneath? Pat O'Toole has always idolized his older brother, Coop. He's even helped Coop with some of his crazier plans -- such as risking his life to help his big brother dig a tunnel underneath their neighborhood in the suburbs of Washington, DC. Coop is . . . different. He doesn't talk on the phone, doesn't use email, and doesn't have friends. He's never really cared for anything but the thrill of being underground and Pat. So it's no surprise to anyone -- even Pat -- that after a huge fight with their parents, Coop runs away. Exactly one year later, Pat receives a package containing a digital voice recorder and a cryptic message from his brother. He follows the clues to New York City, and soon discovers that Coop has joined the Community, a self-sufficient society living beneath the streets. Now it's up to Pat to find his brother -- and bring him home. EXCERPT: From BENEATH Exactly one year to the day after my brother, Coop, ditched me, I got a package in the mail. It came to the school, not our house. The secretary handed me the package with a warning that I was never to use the school as my personal address. I was going to tell her that I hadn't when I saw my name: Pat Meatloaf O'Toole scrawled in Coop's familiar handwriting. Meatloaf is not my real middle name. I told her I would never do it again, grabbed the package, locked myself in a restroom stall, and tore the box open. Inside was a handheld digital voice recorder, a supply of memory sticks, and a note written on a greasy hamburger wrapper: "Lil Bro, Pat, just turn the recorder to Play, and I'll explain what you're supposed to do with this. DO NOT share with parents. This is just between you and me. Your big bro, Coop . . ." I made sure the restroom was empty and switched on the recorder. Praise for TENTACLES: "A high-octane page-turner that will reel readers in and keep them riveted." --SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL "Swashbuckling adventure, narrow escapes, sea monsters: The fascinating science of cryptids and Smith's fast-paced story will capture the imagination of any action-loving reader." --BOOKPAGE Praise for the STORM RUNNERS series: "A breakneck read, perfectly geared to the restless and reluctant." --BULLETIN OF THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS "This slice of natural disaster . . . offers nary a dull moment. A high-velocity page-turner . . ." --KIRKUS REVIEWS

S.A. Bodeen's *The Compound* is a 2009 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year. Eli and his family have lived in the Compound for six years. The world they knew is gone. Eli's father built the Compound to keep them safe. Now, they can't get out. He won't let them.

When a baby unicorn is stolen from his herd by the evil Sir Fitzroy, Ava dons a disguise and bravely ventures into the night to rescue the captive, who she must train to fly in order to secure his escape.

Targeted by Interpol after a series of spectacular heists, a reluctant Amy and Dan are ordered by Vesper One to steal the world's largest diamond, a demand that is challenged by their efforts to rescue the Cahill hostages and stop a Vesper mole.

A romantic tragedy set in the tough corporate world of a major airline. Intense suspense culminates in a shocking moment, reminiscent of D.B. Cooper's infamous hijacking, as a man tumbles from a passenger jet ten thousand feet above a cool, moonlit Arizona desert night. A series of seemingly unrelated events have occurred over several months at TriCon Airlines. A routine flight turns tragic when a flight attendant is struck and paralyzed by a careening food cart. A massive bird strike rocks another flight and an engine explosion on yet another flight fatally injures a passenger. TriCon's arrogant management wrongly places the blame for much that happened on long-time and respected senior engineer, Jack Traner, shattering his comfortable life with his wife Ann. Agonized by the way his life has been torn apart, he sets in motion a deadly quest for revenge. Highly trained, armed with insider knowledge, and virtually unlimited access to TriCon's planes, he methodically and brilliantly sets the stage to exact retribution for his ruined life. An ordinary man, pushed too far, decides to push back. It's story that no one could have predicted or thought possible in today's environment of intense airport security and passenger awareness. Finn," he said, "Don't go in." What was his problem? After days of climbing and trudging through the snow, I wasn't going to turn around now. I pushed past Uncle Stoppard into the cave and then froze. The murky light from the mouth of the tunnel gleamed on something a few feet in front of me. Something white lay on the floor of the cave. Bones. Finn and his mystery-writer uncle head to Iceland in search of the Haunted City of Tquuli, where Finn's archaeologist parents were last seen before their odd disappearance eight years ago. Finn doesn't believe the creepy legends about the Haunted City and the ancient Vikings who lived there -- until a member of the rock-climbing expedition vanishes

from inside a sleeping bag...one that was dangling a hundred feet from the base of an icy cliff! Then another climber disappears, leaving a trail of footprints that abruptly end in a field of snow. Is it modern-day murder, or the revenge of phantom Viking warriors?

The author describes how he spent his teenage years climbing mountains in the United States, South America, Africa, and Asia, with an emphasis on his two expeditions up Mount Everest.

Michael, Taylor, Ostin, and the rest of the Electroclan head to Taiwan in search of nine-year-old child prodigy Lin Julung, or Jade Dragon, who the Elgen kidnapped for Hatch's army of electric children.

Born the runt of his litter and gambled away to a rusty old riverman, the Newfoundland pup Seaman doesn't imagine his life will be marked by any kind of glory--beyond chasing down rats. But when he meets Captain Meriwether Lewis, Seaman finds himself on a path that will make history. Lewis is just setting off on his landmark search for the Northwest Passage, and he takes Seaman along. Sharing the curiosity and strength of spirit of his new master, Seaman proves himself a valuable companion at every turn.

Part history, part science--and adventure through and through--The Captain's Dog is the carefully researched, thrilling tale of America's greatest journey of discovery, as seen through the keen, compassionate eyes of a remarkable dog.

The president's daughter has been kidnapped by the elusive and lethal Ghost Cell. Quest (Q) and Angela are in hot pursuit with vicious winds and blinding rain thwarting them at every turn. It's a desperate high stakes chase. But who is chasing whom? Are Q and Angela the hunters or the hunted?

Pat O'Toole and his brother, Coop, are on the run from an enemy that specializes in hiding in plain sight. Along with their new companion, Kate, they've narrowly escaped a cultlike community situated beneath the streets of New York City. Kate has lived underground since birth, and the world above thrills her, but it's treacherous as well. With the cult's leader -- Kate's grandfather -- hatching a new scheme of global consequence, the three runaways may be the only ones who can stop him. Will they face him head-on, or will they spend the rest of their lives as fugitives? The adventure that started Beneath concludes Above in this action-packed middle-grade thriller by Roland Smith!

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In a thrilling novel from the best-selling author of Peak, mountain-climbing prodigy Peak Marcello faces his toughest challenge yet as he descends into Tibet and goes head-to-head with an old enemy.

Thirteen-year-old Dylan follows his father into the woods on the slopes of Mount St. Helens, which is on the brink of another eruption, in an attempt to protect the resident Sasquatch from ruthless hunters.

Fifteen-year-old Peak Marcello is invited to participate in an "International Peace Ascent" in the Hindu Kush, with a team made up of under-eighteen-year-old climbers from around the world--but from the first something seems wrong, so when the group is attacked, and most of the climbers are either killed or kidnapped, Peak finds himself caught up in a struggle to survive, shadowed by the Shen, a mysterious snow leopard.

In search of his biologist father in Kenya, Jacob Lansa becomes lost in the bush, is rescued by Supeet, a Masai, and embarks with his new friend on a quest to put a stop to poaching

Peak Marcello goes to Myanmar to climb one of the most isolated mountains in the world in this thrilling new novel from bestselling author Roland Smith. After conquering the mountains in Afghanistan, Peak Marcello goes to Myanmar, a country that has been in the grips of a brutal military regime for more than fifty years, to visit Alessia. When he's invited to climb Hkakabo Razi, one of the most isolated mountains in the world, Peak can't pass up the opportunity. But getting to the mountain will involve a four-week trek through tropical rainforests rife with hazards—from venomous reptiles and leeches to corrupt police and military. In the end, summiting Hkakabo Razi may be the easiest thing Peak does.

The only thing you'll find on the summit of Mount Everest is a divine view. The things that really matter lie far below. – Peak Marcello After fourteen-year-old Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he's left with two choices: wither away in Juvenile Detention or go live with his long-lost father, who runs a climbing company in Thailand. But Peak quickly learns that his father's renewed interest in him has strings attached. Big strings. As owner of Peak Expeditions, he wants his son to be the youngest person to reach the Everest summit--and his motives are selfish at best. Even so, for a climbing addict like Peak, tackling Everest is the challenge of a lifetime. But it's also one that could cost him his life. Roland Smith has created an action-packed adventure about friendship, sacrifice, family, and the drive to take on Everest, despite the incredible risk. The story of Peak's dangerous ascent—told in his own words—is suspenseful, immediate, and impossible to put down.

The internationally bestselling book that inspired the Pay It Forward movement is now available in a middle grade edition. Pay It Forward is a moving, uplifting novel about Trevor McKinney, a twelve-year-old boy in a small California town who accepts his teacher's challenge to earn extra credit by coming up with a plan to change the world. Trevor's idea is simple: do a good deed for three people, and instead of asking them to return the favor, ask them to "pay it forward" to three others who need help. He envisions a vast movement of kindness and goodwill spreading across the world, and in this "quiet, steady masterpiece with an incandescent ending" (Kirkus Reviews), Trevor's actions change his community forever. This middle grade edition of Pay It Forward is extensively revised, making it an appropriate and invaluable complement to lesson plans and an ideal pick for book clubs, classroom use, and summer reading. Includes an author's note and curriculum guide.

Twins, Grace and Marty, along with a mysterious uncle, are dropped into the middle of the Congolese jungle in search of their missing photojournalist parents.

Sadia, a Muslim teenager, must decide how far she is willing to go to defend her beliefs when faced with the pressures of life.

Fresh off a "too close" encounter with the terrorist group, the Ghost Cell, in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, Q and Angela head to San Antonio, Texas. As their parents' band, Match, prepares for a concert at the Alamo, the two discover that the Ghost Cell has its tentacles everywhere, including the Lone Star State. With each passing hour, Q and Angela uncover more clues and discover more leads. And the mysterious Boone and his SOS group leave them with more questions than answers, for there is much more to Boone than meets the eye. With time running out to stop another Ghost Cell attack, Angela and Q and the others begin to wonder. Are they following the Ghost Cell or is the Ghost Cell following them?

Although they knew nothing of his background, the Starretts offered their hospitality to Shane when he came to Wyoming in 1889

Thirteen-year-old Quest (Q) isn't sure he's ready for a new family. For a long time it's just been him and his mom, Blaze. But everything changes when Blaze falls in love with Roger and they start a new rock band called Match. Now they're

married, have a hit record, and Match is going out on a year-long driving tour across the country. Q, along with new stepsister Angela, will take a year off from school and travel with the band. For now, home will be a luxury motor coach and homework will be a Web site diary of their travels. Perfect-Q can practice his magic tricks and Angela can read her spy novels. What can go wrong? As Q and Angela settle into their new life and new relationship as siblings, they start to notice that certain coincidences don't seem coincidental. For example, how does a band roadie named Boone find them in the middle of a desert where their coach just happens to break down? Why does a man from their parents' wedding keep showing up in the same cities they stop at? When they reach Philadelphia, Q and Angela realize this tour is definitely not the trip their parents had planned and that the "City of Brotherly Love" is full of mysteries and secrets that could threaten their new life together. In addition to his action adventure books, Roland is the author of many award-winning books for children including *Journey of the Red Wolf*; *The Captain's Dog: My Journey with the Lewis and Clark Tribe*; and *Thunder Cave*, which was a 1996 Notable Children's Trade Book in the field of Social Studies. His books with Sleeping Bear Press include *W is for Waves: An Ocean Alphabet*; *Z is for Zookeeper: A Zoo Alphabet*; and *N is for our Nation's Capital: A Washington, DC Alphabet*. Roland lives near Portland, Oregon.

An action-packed adventure about friendship, sacrifice and risking everything for Everest.

Secrets from the past are the keys to the future...if two children can find them. Bold adventure, timely themes and breathtaking writing from award-winning author, Sita Brahmachari. Usha is devastated when her grandmother Kali Ma passes away. Not quite fitting in at school, with her best friend moving away, and with an annoying new adoptive sister arriving, Usha feels lost. That is until Kali Ma's ghost appears...with a task for her. Usha's family home is full of history and secrets. Many years ago it was The House of the Ayahs - for those nannies who couldn't return to their Indian homeland - and Kali Ma made a promise she couldn't keep. She can't pass on until Usha fulfills it. Today, Usha's over-worked parents run the house as a home for refugees, but eviction threatens. The precious historical lease documents that could save them are lost. As the house slowly fills up with ghosts, that only she and her new sister Emtiaz can see, Usha realises she has more to save than just her grandmother's ghost. Usha and Emtiaz must work together on a quest through London, accompanied by two bickering ghosts, to find a series of objects that shine a magical light on their family's past and hold the clues to securing their future. If they can set the secrets of generations free, will they be in time to save their home?

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