

THE RUPA BOOK OF GREAT ESCAPES

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INTRODUCTION

The Rupa book of great escapes, edited by the renowned Indian author Ruskin Bond, is a collection of anecdotes that showcase human courage, resilience, and how they fight for their freedom. From prisons, disasters, military zones, to wildlife, this book showcases how each different individual escapes from these zones with their bravery and determination.

Why did I choose THIS book?

I chose The Rupa book of Great Escapes since I found it interesting and intriguing to see how, in each story, people with courage fought for themselves and how cleverly they were able to escape and survive.

SUMMARY

The book is a collection of stories of great escapes. Each story offers a glimpse into resilience, raw courage, how

these people dared to escape and survive, and how they fought life-threatening situations.

Casanova's escape from Venice

Giacomo Casanova, with his smartness, wit, and boldness to escape, escapes from the lead prison in Venice after being imprisoned on charges of affront to religion and common decency.

The Girl They Couldn't Hang by Maxwell

This story is about a woman who tells her experience when she was sentenced to death by hanging, how she survived the hanging flawlessly, and her resilience in surviving.

When the dam burst by Ernest Bernard Tatnall

Tatnall tells about the catastrophic failure of a dam and how it threatens a populated area. The story focuses on how individuals escape from the rushing water, and this is the most primal moment for survival.

The Great Retreat- Aubrey Wade

Set during the military withdrawal, this story shows the challenges faced by soldiers as they retreat from advancing enemy forces.

Escape from the Foreign Legion by Michael Donovan.

Donovan's escape from the unforgiving French Foreign Legion is nothing short of epic, harsh deserts, and brutal commands.

Escapes of a Stunt Reporter by J. Murray Smith

This collection of anecdotes follows a journalist who risks his life for a sensational story. His quick thinking and adaptability enable him to escape the danger.

Escape from a Sunken Submarine by T.C. Bridges and H. Hessel Tilman

While being trapped beneath the sea while the ship keeps on sinking, and all of them are inching closer to death, the crew pulls off an almost impossible escape.

Escape from an ice floe- F.A. Beaumont.

Beaumont's story is chilling, yet a battle against nature's coldest cruelty. His endurance and escape from these elements are a victory.

Trapped by Wild boar- Ross Salmon.

This is a battle of man vs wild, surrounded by beasts, it tells how he escaped in a fierce, pulse-raising triumph.

A woman among cannibals- Osa Johnson

Osa Johnson tells about her time spent among indigenous tribes reputed to be cannibalistic. She shares her perspective on cultural misunderstandings and how she escaped the situations.

OVERVIEW OF PLOT

The Rupa Book of Great Escapes is not a single narrative but a collection of real-life escape stories. Each story tells about a different individual who found themselves in dangerous situations and how they fought their way to freedom.

They showcased courage, wit, resilience, and willpower to escape these near-death situations.

CHARACTERS:

- Giacomo Casanova
- The girl they couldn't hang

-Michael Donovan

-Osa Johnson

-military soldiers

-Murray Smith

CENTRAL THEME

- Freedom
- Courage and Resilience
- Hope against odds
- The favourability of luck
- The unpredictability of fate

ANALYSIS AND OPINION

The Rupa Book of Great Escapes, being a collection of anecdotes, showcases Human resilience and will to survive, and how all the courage that has been hiding in themselves all these days will be showcased during their near-death experiences. Each real-life escape story is an adventure, and an emotion, and tells you about history, making it must read for people who love to read about courage and freedom.

WHAT WORKED IN THESE STORIES?

-Wide Range of escapes

-Each character is an inspiration

-Ruskin Bond's introduction to these stories adds warmth.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK?

In some stories, the tone varies, and few provide fewer background details, making it hard to connect.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

These Stories give great messages about human courage and the will to survive any obstacle, and how they can risk everything for freedom.

Direct speech example:

In Casanova's story, he says

"We must act tonight, or we may never get another chance," showing his determination.

Indirect speech example:

In Escape from the Foreign Legion,

Donovan thought he had to leave, no matter the danger, because staying meant he would lose his identity.

PERSONAL CONNECTION

Reading this book struck a chord with me. It got me to thinking about how our inner bravery, boldness, and fear are only revealed when we are pushed to the limit. Each story told is to never throw in the towel, even in tough situations. Each character has inspired me to face challenges head-on rather than shy away. The way some of the characters, with their creativity and smartness, escaped the situations pushed me to think outside the box.

CONCLUSION

I would recommend The Rupa Book of Great Escapes to anyone who loves to read about adventure, suspense, thrilling stories, and survival stories.

There are many inspirational moments and acts of human bravery throughout the book. You must read this if you enjoy reading about historical events and the struggles and escapes of people.

It's fascinating to read about the bravery, tenacity, and escape skills of each character in these tales. Even the impossible is possible, as this book demonstrates.

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