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Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Journey to Change the World One Child at a Time

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In the thin air at the top of K2, Greg Mortenson loses his hiking party twice and is forced to rely on the kindness of the local people in a remote mountainside village. While staying at a leader's home, Mortenson promises that he will return and build a school. As just one man in his twenties, he manages to raise enough money with the help of a local elementary school, a gruff millionaire and his own thrift. With more help from other kind people, Mortenson starts a foundation to build even more schools across the Middle East. Even after getting kidnapped, being held hostage, and enduring poverty and frustration, he continues to build schools to this day.

This Young Reader's Edition of the bestseller, *Three Cups of Tea: One Man’s Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time*, is written in the third person perspective. The text is appropriate for students in the middle and upper elementary grades, and it is supplemented by photographs of important people and locations in the book. The end of the book includes a question and answer segment with Mortenson's 12-year-old daughter, which helps offer a child's perspective to the story. A glossary of difficult words, many of which are Arabic, and important people is also included. While helpful, it may become tedious to flip back and forth to the glossary while reading. Nevertheless, the book offers a descriptive insight into the lives of real-world heroes. This work is honest and inspirational, and would be a good selection for any school or private collection.

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