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Study Guide – *Within Reach*

1. What is Death Zone climbing (P. 5)?
2. Why is the two-way radio considered the most important piece of mountain climbing equipment (P. 7)?
3. How does Mark become interested in mountain climbing?
4. How does Mark raise money for his climbing expeditions?
5. Describe Mark’s first impressions of Kathmandu (P. 25-26).
6. Describe the ancient tradition Mark witnessed while hiking back from Yala Base Camp (P. 32).
7. Why did Mark compare climbing mountains to a “pilgrimage” (P. 39)?
8. What unexpected record did Mark set when he climbed Pisco?
9. In Mark’s opinions, why do many kids push their dreams aside when they’re young (P. 56)?
10. Why couldn’t the climbers reach Chimborazo (P. 67)?
11. What skill did Mark have that set him apart from the other climbers in Thor’s group of Everest trainers (P. 71)?
12. When visiting the Rongbuk Monastary, what sight did Mark think he would always remember (P. 96)?
13. On Mark’s first attempt to climb Everest, he describes the difficulties with his team as “cracks in the structure.” What does he mean by this?
14. Compare how Mark celebrated his summit victories at Huascaran (P. 49) and Ama Dablam (P. 129).
15. After Scott Fischer died, what is Mark’s philosophy on life and death (P. 167)?
16. What did Mark realize as he was showing his slides at school (P. 210)?