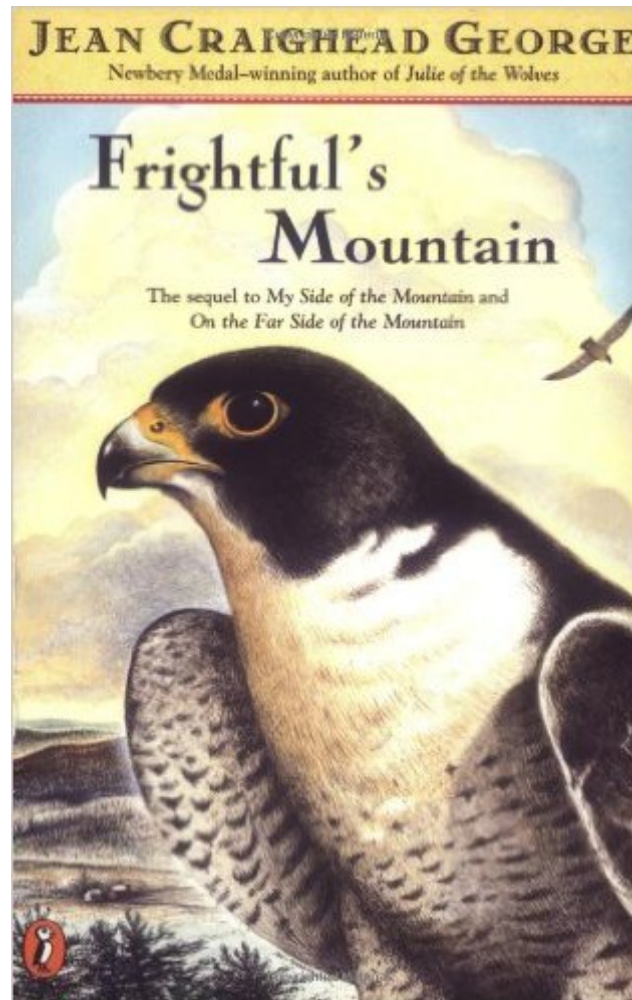


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# Frightful's Mountain



## Synopsis

Can frightful survive alone? Sam Gribley has been told that it is illegal to harbor an endangered bird, so when his beloved falcon, Frightful, comes home, he has to let her go. But Frightful doesn't know how to live alone in the wild. She can't feed herself, mate, brood chicks, or migrate. Frightful struggles to survive and learns to enjoy her new freedom. But she feels a bond with Sam that can never be broken, and more than anything else, she wants to return to him. The sequel to *My Side of the Mountain* and *On the Far Side of the Mountain* from Newbery Medal-winning author Jean Craighead George. "Fans of *My Side of the Mountain* will be glad to revisit Sam Gribley in this sequel." "The Horn Book" "Frightful's Mountain is a novel that will change the way you look at the world." "The New York Times Book Review" "Frightful's story is filled with excitement and adventure." "School Library Journal"

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## Customer Reviews

Frightful's Mountain is about a peregrine falcon that is searching for her previous owner. She must find out the one tree and the one mountain where he lives. She meets everything from dogs to poachers to other peregrine falcons that come in her way. She finally gets back to him, but is then set free to live the life of a wild peregrine. The reason I liked this book is because of its style. It was very much like the first book of the trilogy, except that it was from the falcon's point of view. I love

adventure stories, so it is not a surprise that I believe this is exceptional literature, but this one puts you in the situation and sucks you into the text. I couldn't stop reading! One other reason I believed this was one of the greatest books of all time is because it was so detailed. Descriptions lurked around every corner. I could almost see what was going on when I was reading! It was also very emotional and I wanted to get a tissue and cry into it. It was very impactful. My favorite part was when Sam, Frightful's master, was trying to save two of her chicks that were stolen by poachers. His dog had crawled under the cabin's foundation and was met by a skunk's spray. The smell seeped through the floorboards and the poachers ran out of the building. Sam snuck in through the back door and collected the eyases in his hands. One of the poachers had run back in to get his gun and saw Sam. The conservation officers had come in just in time and had him at gunpoint.

If you have read "My side of the Mountain" or "On the Far Side of the Mountain" then you will thoroughly enjoy this book. If you have read the previous books then you may be wondering, "What ever happened to Frightful?" Well this book tells it all. Frightful is a peregrine falcon that was hand raised by Sam Gibley. After being set free by Sam because he couldn't keep an endangered species, Frightful had many adventures. This book tells how it would be if you saw the world through Frightful's eyes. I would highly recommend it to anyone who has read the other books or not. You don't need to read the previous books for this captivating story to make sense!

Jean Craighead George really put a lot of effort into this book. It seems so realistic, I had to read the Author's Note to know most of the characters were fictional. It is a heartwarming story about Frightful, the peregrine falcon that Sam trains. Sam is a very simple person who is very fond of animals like I am. This book is worth reading-most definitely.

The book I have chosen is called "Frightful's Mountain" by Jean Craighead George. This is a good animal adventure book. Sam is a young man who lives in the forest and finds a peregrine falcon. He names the falcon Frightful and raises her to be able to survive by herself. Frightful has 3 aeries, that's the name for baby falcons. The aerie's have great adventures as they grow up. Although she migrates she always comes back to Sam and the forest she knows. My favorite part of the book was when all the kids and people were helping and trying to save Frightful from the working men. The men were making a lot of noise and the children don't want Frightful to be frightened and leave the nest or the aeries. My least favorite part of the book was when the working men still worked on the bridge and didn't care that they were scaring a peregrine falcon. They were even a little mean

when the children told them to stop. My most favorite character in the book is Frightful. She seems to be a magnificent bird and has great adventures. I really enjoyed reading about Frightful's falcon friend, Chup. She helps him raise his 3 baby peregrine's. I also liked when Frightful ended up in a reserve for birds. I liked how many people would care about falcons and the many other birds. This book was different from other adventure books because it really taught you how a peregrine falcon lives. By reading this book it makes you feel that if you looked up in a tree, Frightful would be sitting there. If you enjoy animal books, learning how animals live and adventure books then this book is for you. I really liked it. After reading this book I had some questions. Why would Frightful build her nest on a bridge? Why would Frightful's daughter attack her? Read this book because you won't want to put it down. It's a wonderful book!

This was a beautiful ending to the series. The fact that it was written from a bird's POV was really interesting and though the book was long, it wasn't boring. The themes in this book- mostly relating to relationships- were well-developed and especially interesting coming from a bird's POV. As usual the characters and setting were great. The ending was appropriate if not the MOST satisfying. Would I read more by this author? Yes. Would I recommend this? Yes. See the full review on my website, Awesome Book Assessment:

<http://www.awesomebookassessment.com/2014/12/frightfuls-mountain-by-jean-craighead-george.html>

It was interesting to read the next part of the story from Frightful's view, but I didn't really care for this installment any more than I did the previous ones. It was a good story, just not my taste is all. It had a somewhat fun adventure story, but was a bit too preachy on wilderness survival and human impact on wildlife for me. I'm all for knowing these things, but I'm well past the age that I want to read a lecture on them. So, good for pre-teens (especially boys), but not quite so much for adults, unless you're really into wildlife and the wilderness.

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