

Summary

Jordan Romero Finds His Everest

The magazine article "Into the Death Zone" tells the story of Jordan Romero, a California boy who dreamed of climbing the Seven Summits—the tallest mountains on each continent. A mural of those mountains in the hallway of his grade school inspired Jordan when he was in third grade. With his father's help and encouragement, he started running and riding his bike to get stronger. Within three years they had climbed five of the Seven Summits. Then "Team Jordan" faced the tallest summit of them all—Mount Everest in Asia. In 2010, they went to the base of the mountain to start training for the big climb. They faced avalanches, cold weather, and altitudes that were so high people struggled to breathe; they were in the "death zone." But on May 21, Jordan climbed to the top with his dad and the rest of his team. A year later, he climbed the last of the Seven Summits, Vinson Massif in Antarctica. Jordan now travels around the world giving speeches and telling young people to dare to do great things. "Find your Everest!" he says.