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Synopsis

Read about the facts, thrills and challenges of surfing. Discover the history, techniques, real-life stories and outstanding achievements behind the sport.

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Customer Reviews

Reviewed with Chris Oxlade's *Rock Climbing*. Gr. 4-8. With original artwork, color photographs, and concise blocks of text, these titles in the Extreme Sports series incorporate interesting, rarely cited facts in their overviews. Few youth titles about snowboarding, for example, mention that the sport's origins date to the 1920s. The sometimes crowded spreads cover the basics of history, gear, and techniques for various levels of experience, including several useful diagrams. *Rock Climbing* compares various countries' grading systems and introduces, but doesn't explain, the concept of climbing ethics. Both books begin with a blanket safety warning, but *Rock Climbing* includes more practical safety tips for young readers. *Snowboarding*, in contrast, focuses on avalanche protection rather than beginner concerns, and it features snowboarding "superstars" without mentioning that at least one died while pushing the limits on the slopes. The language aims for its audience with phrases such as "awesome mountains," but it veers occasionally into the tritely simplistic. Still, each volume offers some unusual, helpful information that will nicely supplement other, sturdier introductions. Further reading lists and a glossary are appended to each volume. Gillian Engberg
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