

Spelling list: Characters in Touching the Void

Touching the Void by Joe Simpson recounts a gripping tale of survival in the Peruvian Andes. After a disastrous climbing accident, Joe Simpson is left for dead by his partner, Simon Yates. Miraculously, Simpson manages to crawl back to base camp against all odds, defying death in a battle for survival.

Joe	As the author of the book, Joe Simpson's narrative voice provides a firsthand account of the perilous climb, his near-fatal accident, and the remarkable willpower that drove him to crawl back to base camp.
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