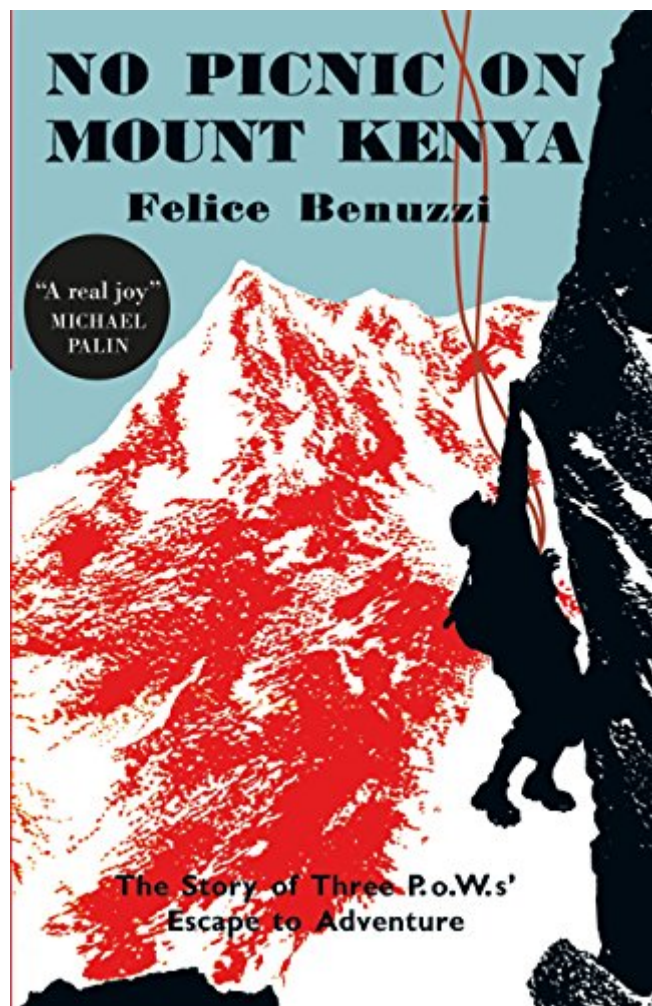


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No Picnic On Mount Kenya



Synopsis

A rediscovered mountaineering classic and the extraordinary true story of a daring escape up Mount Kenya by three prisoners of war. When the clouds covering Mount Kenya part one morning to reveal its towering peaks for the first time, prisoner of war Felice Benuzzi is transfixed. The tedium of camp life is broken by the beginnings of a sudden idea - an outrageous, dangerous, brilliant idea. There are not many people who would break out of a P.O.W. camp, trek for days across perilous terrain before climbing the north face of Mount Kenya with improvised equipment, meagre rations, and with a picture of the mountain on a tin of beef among their more accurate guides. There are probably fewer still who would break back in to the camp on their return. But this is the remarkable story of three such men. No Picnic on Mount Kenya is a powerful testament to the human spirit of revolt and adventure in even the darkest of places. "The history of mountaineering can hardly present a parallel to this mad but thrilling escapade" - Saturday Review "A most extraordinary prisoner-of-war and escape story" - New Yorker "A mad venture and a gallant tribute to man's deep yearning for freedom" - Kirkus Reviews "The book crackles with the same dry humour as its title. It contains the prison-yard bartering and candlelight stitching that mark a classic jailbreak yarn; the encounters with wild beasts in Mount Kenya's forest belt are as gripping, and the descriptions of sparkling glaciers as awe-inspiring, as any passage in the great exploration diaries of the early 20th century" - The Economist

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A beautiful story of hope and resilience. As a Kenyan, I have given it one star short because of the discomfort every African feels when you are told how someone discovered something your ancestors knew about all along. There are also inaccuracies on tribal names and folklore but all in all a great story!

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Very interesting book. Highly recommended WW2 adventure. John Ebey

Great African adventure.

Great adventure book about 3 Italian POW's in East Africa who escaped from their camp to attempt to summit Mt. Kenya. The book is extremely well written and one feels that you are there with them on their journey.

I love it because it is a genuine gentlemanly adventure cocking a snook at authority but behaving well and still achieving great things from nothing. I also love it because I knew the author's widow, and some of his friends, and I know that every amazing word of the exploits is true.

Fake story. No one escapes, drags mountain climbing gear and climbs a mountain. You go the path of least resistance.

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