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## Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert

### Author:

Marc Aronson

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In August of 2010, a Chilean mine collapsed suddenly, trapping thirty-three men in the dark mine over a mile beneath the earth with limited supplies. After the collapse, the men were able to get to a shelter point, but had no way to communicate with the ground above. All routes to the surface were blocked by the accident.

Initial rescue attempts did not prove successful - maps of the mine were not updated and were somewhat inaccurate; rescue drilling routes that were, on the maps, clear shots to the miners were unable to bypass the sediment.

A gripping and inspirational survival and rescue tale of teamwork and determination, *Trapped* may make you claustrophobic at times, but ultimately will fill you with optimism. A must-read non-fiction account of recent history for kids and adults alike.

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