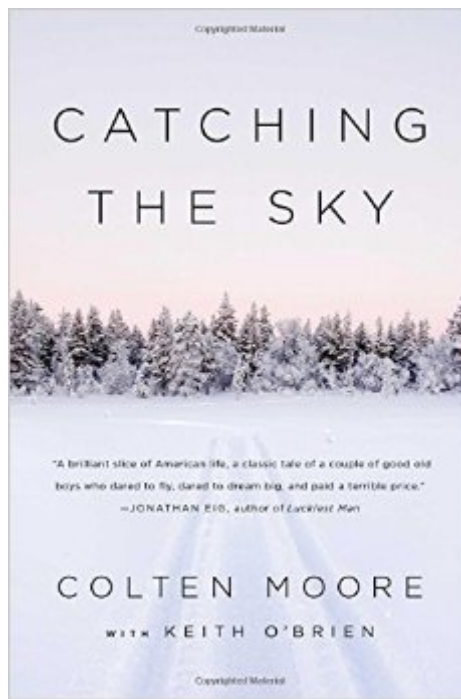


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# Catching The Sky



## Synopsis

A transcendent story about risk and the pursuit of happiness, family, and the bond between brothers. Dust and prairie were abundant on the Texas Panhandle, the land that gave birth to generations of Moores. But instead of working the land or the cattle that fed upon it, the Moore brothers, Colten and Caleb, heeded another call. Their dreams, paired with hard work and family sacrifice, eventually became reality. The Moore brothers, with their boundary-exploding athleticism, innovation and appetite for risk, became stars on the burgeoning freestyle ATV and snowmobile circuits. If it had wheels, they could flip it "often higher and better than anyone else" leading a band of pioneers intent on breaking new ground and in a new sport before multitudes of fans at the X Games and beyond. In this vivid, page-turning narrative, Colten Moore offers a profound and deeply moving perspective on his life and that of his brother. *Catching the Sky* is a clear-eyed look at extreme sports, what drives people to take wild chances, and how one man, Colten, couldn't stop even after the worst possible outcome. His story reminds us that we can dream "and sometimes achieve the impossible, that we can follow our own path, that we can lose something, lose everything, only to find it again" often in the most unlikely place.

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I remember hearing the news three years ago that one of the two snowmobile-flipping Moore brothers from Texas had sustained life-threatening injuries in the ESPN Winter X Games. My Facebook feed was filled with #prayforCaleb and #31style hashtags throughout that weekend as Caleb Moore fought for his life after being speared in the chest by his snowmobile when a freestyle

trick went tragically wrong. Horrifically, the young athlete did not win his battle in the hospital and passed away within a couple days from the injuries he sustained. After praying for comfort for his parents, his friends, his fans, and the other athletes in extreme sports, I focused on praying for his little brother Colten. Even though I'm not an avid follower of extreme athletes, the Moore story had made it to my radar and it was my understanding that the two brothers had an inseparable bond. "Catching the Sky" by Colten Moore is a fantastic story about family, the sacrifices that parents make for their kids, the silly things kids do when they're young, the pioneering spirit of people in general, and dealing with the inevitable hole that is left in one's life when they lose a close friend or family member. Colten's description of he and his brother Caleb doing tricks on trampolines and jumping off the roof of the house took me right back to my childhood memories. My friends and I would shoot arrows into the air and see how close we could get them to land next to us or jump off a 20' deck with a bed sheet to see if it would act as a parachute on the way down. It was fun reliving some of those memories as the book brought me back there instantly.

I have no interest in freestyle snowmobiling or even extreme sports in general. But I downloaded this book immediately for two reasons: One, I loved Keith O'Brien's first book, "Outside Shot", which details the culture of Kentucky high school basketball. (I'm one of the millions of Americans who still favor baseball/basketball/football, so that topic was a much easier sell for me.) Two, I lived in Texas for five years, and have ever since admired the (in?)famous Texas attitude and culture. And interestingly enough, "One" and "Two" can actually be tied together. One well known aspect of Texas culture is the fanaticism surrounding their high school football, which led me to Buzz Bissinger's "Friday Night Lights" long before it was a TV show or even a movie. If you're reading this, you're no doubt aware that most readers find "FNL" to be an outstanding look at a fascinating subject. I certainly thought so, and knowing that Kentucky high school basketball fanaticism compares to Texas high school football fanaticism, I checked out O'Brien's "Outside Shot". He did not disappoint, and I have been eager for his second effort. So maybe I was a LITTLE disappointed O'Brien moved to a sport I knew nothing about. On the other hand, from the jump, being a fan of Texans, I was heartily amused to learn that two young men from TEXAS took the world of SNOWboarding by storm. (Side note: I understand this is Colten (and Caleb) Moore's story. But with all due respect to Mr. Moore (not a cliché - gotta' respect what this guy's considerable abilities), I sincerely doubt such amazing athletic skills AND amazing writing skills could be found in the same guy.

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