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ERIK WEIHENMAYER BIO Mountaineer



Erik Weihenmayer is one of the most celebrated and accomplished athletes in the world. In 2001, he became the only blind person in history to climb Mount Everest. When he stood on top of Carstensz Pyramid in 2008, he completed his quest to climb all of the Seven Summits—the tallest peak on each of the seven continents.

Weihenmayer is the author of the best-selling memoir “Touch the Top of the World,” which was made into a feature film, as well as “The Adversity Advantage,” which shows readers how to turn everyday struggles into everyday greatness. His latest book, “No Barriers: A Blind Man’s Journey to Kayak the Grand Canyon,” is more than an adventure story; it illuminates how we move forward in our lives towards growth and purpose, despite the barriers that get in our way. He is an internationally recognized speaker and brings his message of living a “no barriers life” to audiences worldwide.

In September 2014, Weihenmayer and blinded Navy veteran Lonnie Bedwell kayaked the entire 277-miles of the Grand Canyon on the Colorado River, considered one of the most formidable whitewater venues in the world. Weihenmayer continually seeks out new adventures, focusing his efforts on empowering people traditionally swept to the sidelines of life. He founded the organization No Barriers, which helps people with challenges tap into the human spirit, break through their barriers and contribute to the world.

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