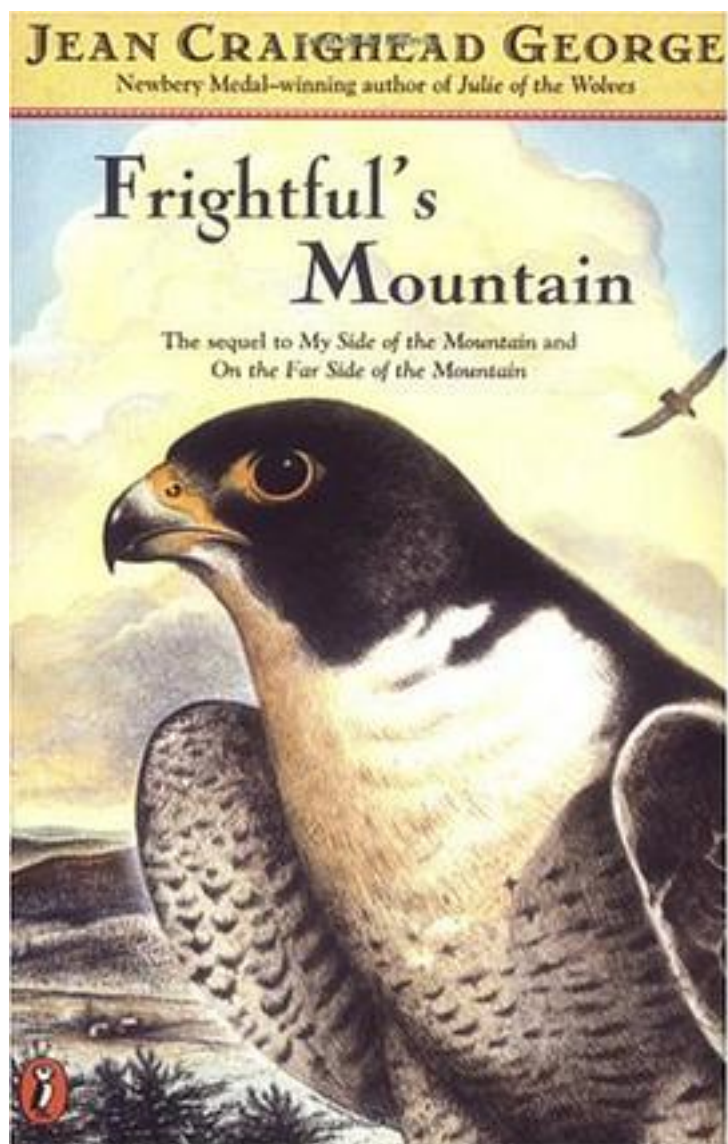


Frightful's Mountain



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On the 40th anniversary of the children's classic *My Side of the Mountain* comes the extraordinary third book in the series

Frightful, the peregrine falcon, could not see. A falconer's hood covered her head and eyes. She remained quiet and calm, like all daytime birds in the dark. She could hear, however. She listened to the wind whistling through the pine needles. This wind-music conjured up images of a strange woods and unknown flowers. The sound was foreign. It was not the soft song of wind humming through the hemlock needles of home. Frightful was a long way from her familiar forest. Suddenly an all-invading passion filled her. She must go. She must find one mountain among thousands, one hemlock tree among millions, and the one boy who called himself Sam Gibley. The one mountain was her territory, the one tree was Sam's house, the perch beside it, her place. And Sam Gibley was life.

So begins the third book in the wilderness series that has lifted imaginations around the world. Readers last heard from Sam Gibley a decade ago, when he kept the hardest resolution of his life and let his falcon partner go free. Now at last we pick up the story--but this time, the narrative continues through Frightful's keen-sighted eyes.

Raised by Sam, Frightful is an imprinted bird. She has no idea how to migrate, mate, or be a mother. She can barely even feed herself, for although she is a skilled hunter, it was always Sam who signaled permission to partake of the kill. Sam, so patient and kind, will support her from afar, and so will bird activists Jon and Susan Wood and conservationist Leon Longbridge. But despite a letter-writing campaign by local schoolchildren, others would despoil her Catskill home--designing fatal electrical wires and disturbing good nesting areas with jackhammers and paint trucks.

With evolution and a proud natural intelligence on her side, Frightful may yet beat the odds of famine, winter, and human encroachment. But her terrible longing for that one mountain among thousands, her first home--a longing so noble and generous yet so dangerous--will govern her to either heartbreaking failure or heart-aching triumph, a triumph so right and so natural that readers will want to take to the skies in celebration.

Jean Craighead George published *My Side of the Mountain* in 1959, a Newbery Honor Book and coming-of-age story that has enthralled and entertained generations of would-be Sams. This third book in the series shares--in exquisite, elegantly flowing prose--Frightful's own passage into adulthood, taking readers on a journey into the mind and spirit of one of the wild's most magnificent creations and proving once again why the author is considered the most gifted nature writer of her time.

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