

*The Mountain Between Us*, Charles Martin

EPLD recently purchased this book on CD. Knowing I had a lengthy car trip last weekend, I decided to take a few audiobooks along. I didn't need the second audiobook. Actually, I found myself downloading the eBook copy of *The Mountain Between Us* as soon as I got home so I could finish the story! Charles Martin did not disappoint me.

Stranded in an airport with a scrolling screen of cancelled flights, two strangers, Dr. Ben Payne, and Ashley Knox (on her way to Denver for her wedding), make plans to charter a small plane. Everything looks fine, until midway over nothing but mountains (I believe the good doctor at some point refers to their position as in the High Uinta's Wilderness) the pilot has a fatal heart attack. He manages to bring the plane down. Both Ashley and Ben are injured.

If this is going to happen to you, having a doctor along is a very good thing. If he was an Eagle Scout who had continued to hone his survival skills while trekking through the mountains with his wife as an adult, all the better! Ben is committed to getting home, and he will not leave Ashley behind. His broken ribs and her broken leg won't stop them, however a mountain lion and a heartbroken mama moose create big challenges for Ben's plans. His determination to return home is revealed through Ben's daily digital recordings for his wife, a routine they had started years ago when they needed to be apart.

This book was made into a movie in 2017. I have not taken the time to watch the movie, and maybe I never will as the characters in the book are so well established in my head I am not sure how I would react if their voices were different! EPLD also has the movie on both DVD and Blu-Ray.