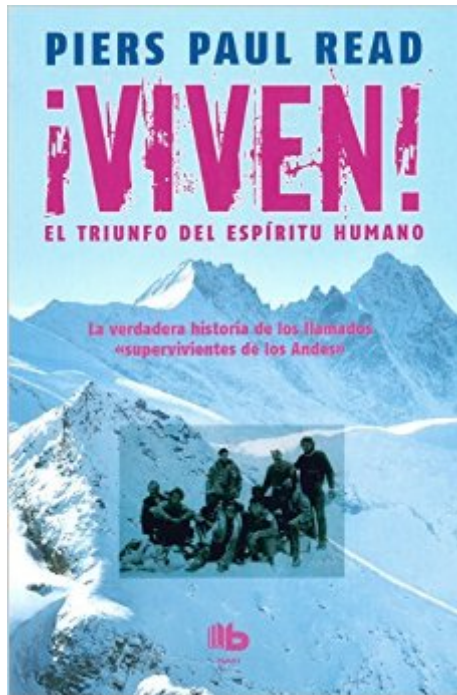


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En el año 1972 partió de Montevideo, con destino Santiago de Chile, un avión Fairchild F227 de las fuerzas aéreas uruguayas en el que viajaba un equipo de rugby y sus acompañantes. Pero en realidad les aguardaba un destino muy distinto del que ellos habían proyectado. Las infernales condiciones climatológicas determinaron la catástrofe, y el aparato se estrelló en Los Andes. Solo dieciséis de los cuarenta y cinco pasajeros que viajaban en el avión sobrevivieron al accidente y a los casi tres meses de indescriptibles rigores que compartieron con el hambre, el frío y el dolor. Sin otras provisiones, se vieron obligados a enfrentarse al horror de alimentarse con la carne de sus compañeros muertos, en un acto desesperado por conservar la vida. Viven! Relata con toda suerte de detalles esta escalofriante peripecia y la de los familiares que en ningún momento dejaron de buscarlos. / On October 12, 1972, a plane carrying a team of young rugby players crashed into the remote, snow-peaked Andes. Only sixteen made it off the mountain alive. And to survive, they were forced to do the unthinkable... This is their story, one of the most astonishing adventures of the twentieth century.

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Time has not diminished the drama of the tale of the Uruguayan rugby team whose plane crashed in the Andes Mountains. Of the forty five people on the plane at the time of the crash, sixteen came down from the mountain about seventy days later with a saga of survival not easily forgotten. Theirs is a journey born of tragedy and human endurance. The author unfolds a tale that is gripping in the

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