

Ch 1-5 Re-read Guide – Re-read and annotate Chapters 1-5 with attention to question 7 and at least one other. Indicate your chosen question/s in your annotations.

1. Is Krakauer a trustworthy biographer?
2. What is the function of the epigraphs/epigrams in ITW?
3. Was McCandless admirable for his courage and noble ideas?
4. Was he a reckless idiot?
5. Was he a narcissist who perished out of arrogance and stupidity?
6. Was he undeserving of the considerable media attention he received?
7. How might this be a tale of the American Dream in the early 1990s?
 - a. Consider:
 - i. The “grip wilderness has on the American imagination”
 - ii. Alex’s social and historical context