



# Ripping Reads

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*Snowfall* by K.M. Peyton  
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In *The New Mistress at the Chalet School*, when Kathie Ferrars escorts the prefects to see the glacier, Lalla Winterton recalls a story her journalist father once told her about a newlywed whose husband died by falling into a crevasse (I think—I don't have the book to hand).

*Snowfall* is a version of that story. In it, the heroine, Charlotte, longs for escape where she lives with her grandfather, who has recently proposed that she marry his curate. But sixteen-year-old Charlotte desires love and adventure. When her brother Ben returns from Oxford with plans to go to Switzerland to climb with friends, she begs him to take her. Ben is somewhat surprised at Charlotte's vehemence, but his friend Milo agrees, and Charlotte's life is forever changed.

Most of the book is told from Charlotte's point of view, but the last second is told by a young reporter - "an outsider" - as friends of the recently discovered but long deceased victim, gather to view the body.

