BLUE SKY, middle-grade fiction Brian Kindall Diving Boy Books PO Box 2476, McCall, ID 83638

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Blue Sky can climb like an ibex. She was raised by the herd in the highest peaks of the Alps and named for the color of her eyes. She's never known anything but rock, wind, snow, and ice, until the day she rescues a young climber from a stormy spire and learns of the world of humans beyond the crags. Sky longs to follow him. Can a girl raised by ibex in the mountains ever join the world of humans? A tale of self-reliance about finding strength in being who you really are and the courage to follow your dreams.

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