

Double entry journal

INTO THE WILD

The book

Text from the book

RELATIONSHIPS, ADVENTURE

p. 116 Chris had an outstanding knack for seeing that in the spring of 1986, as Chris's high school graduation approached, the owner of the construction company phoned Walt and offered to pay for Chris's college education if Walt would persuade his son to remain in Annandale and keep working while he went to school instead of quitting the job and going off to Emory.

When I mentioned the offer to Chris he wouldn't even consider it.Nobody anticipated that the journey would be the first in a series of extended adventures.....the journey would ultimately turn him inward and way, drawing Chris and those who loved him a morass of anger, misunderstanding and sorrow

My commentaries

RELATIONSHIPS, ADVENTURE

I think this is an important passage in the book. First of all it shows what a remarkable young man Chris was. He had the whole world of opportunities before him. He was gifted and could get a free college education and almost any job he wanted.

Second it shows how strong will power he had. He would not listen to his father or other authorities. When he had set his mind to do something, nobody could talk him out of it.

Thirdly this passage marks the beginning of the end. The first journey he made. It sparked the interest he had in adventures and also the one where he discovered something about his family that would ruin his relationship with his parents for the rest of his life.