

\$2,000,000 Real Life Treasure Hunt!



Do you have that treasure hunter spirit in you? I'm sure you do - we all do! This one is for you.

Millionaire art collector Forrest Fenn said there's actually a real treasure buried somewhere in the Rocky Mountains. It's just sitting there waiting for you to find it.

Forrest is a very successful, 84-year-old art dealer and author - he's a millionaire. He claims he hid a chest full of gold and jewels, which is worth millions of dollars, in the Rocky Mountains just five years ago. Now, he didn't just pick some random place, hide the treasure, and wait for people to start looking. No, he left a 'treasure trail' of clues in his book *The Thrill of the Chase*.

Tens of thousands of want-to-be-millionaires have read the book and figured out the clues - or so they thought. They even went to the Rocky Mountains in search of the loot, but no one has found the coveted treasure yet.

This is where it gets skeptical. Some people believe it's just a gimmick to sell more books. But Forrest insists it's real, and that treasure hunter adventurer in you believes it, too! Right?!

Since he was a child, Forrest has always had an adventurous spirit. It kept his mind active and young, but his body just couldn't keep up. He was diagnosed with kidney cancer. The doctors told him that his chances of survival were low, so he started thinking of what he should do with his wealth. Just giving it away wouldn't be very satisfying for his adventurous spirit. He wanted a original way to share his riches. That's when he thought of a treasure hunt.

Forrest used an antique bronze chest and filled it with 256 gold coins, " hundreds of gold nuggets - some as large as chicken eggs, ancient Chinese carved jade figures, Pre-Columbian gold animal artifacts, lots of rubies, emeralds, sapphires, diamonds and other valuable things." Its estimated value is at least \$2 million.

While preparing the treasure hunt, his cancer went into remission! However, he still carried on with his adventure and hid the chest. It's hidden somewhere in the Rocky Mountains, but no one knows exactly where. When asked for hints, Forrest just tells them that they can find it themselves - they just have to follow the clues. There are just 9 clues and Forrest hid them all in a poem in his book.

Of course, a 2 million dollar treasure hunt frenzy swept the nation! People flocked to the bookstores and then to the mountains. Around 30,000 people hunted for the cache last summer, and more than 50,000 are expected next summer.

Forrest revealed that some people have come very close to finding it - as close as 200 feet!

"I wanted the monetary value to be a consideration for those who are looking for it, but mostly my motive was to get kids off the couch and out in the mountains," Forrest said.

Forrest isn't disappointed that his treasure hasn't been found yet. "Somebody could find it tomorrow and it may not be found for a thousand years. I would love if someone found it tomorrow but if nobody found it for a hundred years, that's okay with me too."