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## [‘Three Cups of Tea’ author to speak at UIS](#)

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“Three Cups of Tea” co-author [Greg Mortenson](#) will speak at 7:30 p.m. March 3 at the University of Illinois Springfield’s [Sangamon Auditorium](#). Mortenson is the co-founder of the Central Asia Institute’s [Pennies for Peace](#) program.

“[Three Cups of Tea](#),” by Mortenson and David Oliver Relin, is said to be required reading for military commanders and special forces deploying to Afghanistan.

The book begins with Mortenson’s failed 1993 attempt to [climb K2](#), one of the world’s most challenging mountains. Exhausted, he was separated from his group and found himself in a remote Pakistani village, where he was nursed back to health.

When he discovered the village kids couldn’t go to school because they couldn’t afford the dollar-a-day salary for a teacher, he promised to return and build a school. He did — and more than 100 others. Last year, President Barack Obama [designated \\$100,000 of his Nobel Peace Prize award](#) to be donated to Mortenson’s efforts in Afghanistan.

Tickets for the event cost \$30 and are available at the Sangamon Auditorium ticket office, 206-6160.

*Photo: Greg Mortenson ([www.threecupsoftea.com](http://www.threecupsoftea.com))*

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