



# BEYOND THE EDGE

Autumn  
Season  
2014

Release: 2013

Cert (UK): PG

Language: English

Runtime: 90 mins

Director: Leanne Pooley

Writer: Leanne Pooley and Matthew Metcalf

Cinematographer: Richard Bluck

Cast: Chad Moffitt, Sonam Sherpa, John Wraight |

'It is my goal to take audiences around the world on a journey up the mountain that will remind them of the sheer scale of the achievement'. So says Director Leanne Pooley of her film of the early life of Edmund Hillary, leading to his successful attempt on Everest in 1953. The film includes some original interviews and colour footage with Hillary, Tenzing and the other expedition members from the 50s, plus some re-enactments done in 3D to help remind us what the scale of the achievement was.



The actors who do the re-enactments were chosen because of their looks; Chad Moffitt, especially, is the spitting image of Hillary. The new shots are then blended in with old footage to make it all as realistic as possible and help us take the journey up the mountain with them. The whole effect is to try to capture the tension and excitement as it would have been at the time, not as it is seen from 2014.



Leanne Pooley, a Canadian by birth but living in New Zealand since the 1980s, is no newcomer having been making films for 20 years, including documentaries for BBC1, BBC2, ITV and Channel 4. She became a New Zealand Arts Laureate in November 2011 and serves as a judge for The International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, EMMY Awards.