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'Touching the Void' is the tale of two mountaineer's harrowing ordeal in the Peruvian Andes. In the summer of 1985, two young, headstrong mountaineers set off to conquer an unclimbed route. They had triumphantly

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*reached the summit, when a
horrific accident mid-descent
forced one friend to leave
another for dead. Ambition,
morality, fear and camaraderie
are explored in this electronic
edition of the mountaineering*

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*classic, with never before seen
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written for many years."*

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*its publisher in Canada, where the cover is slightly different from the Mountaineers Books U.S. edition * Behind the Iron Curtain, Cold War mountaineers found freedom on the world's highest peaks—and paid an*

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*awful price to achieve it **

*Winner of the Boardman-Tasker
Prize, Banff Grand Prize, and
American Alpine Club Literary
Award Freedom Climbers tells
the story of Poland's truly
remarkable mountaineers who*

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dominated Himalayan climbing during the period between the end of World War II and the start of the new millennium. The emphasis here is on their "golden age" in the 1980s and 1990s when, despite the

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economic and social baggage of their struggling country, Polish climbers were the first to tackle the world's highest mountains during winter, including the first winter ascents on seven of the world's fourteen 8000-meter

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*peaks: Everest, Manaslu,
Dhaulagiri, Cho Oyu,
Kanchenjunga, Annapurna, and
Lhotse. Such successes,
however, came at a serious
cost: 80 percent of Poland's
finest high-altitude climbers*

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died on the high mountains during the same period they were pursuing these first ascents. Award-winning writer Bernadette McDonald addresses the social, political, and cultural context of this golden age, and

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the hardships of life under Soviet rule. Polish climbers, she argues, were so tough because their lives at home were so tough—they lost family members to World War II and its aftermath and were so much

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more poverty-stricken than their Western counterparts that they made much of their own climbing gear. While Freedom Climbers tells the larger story of an era, McDonald shares charismatic personal narratives

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*such as that of Wanda
Rutkiewicz, expected to be the
first woman to climb all
8000-meter peaks until she
disappeared on Kanchenjunga
in 1992; Jerzy Kukuczka, who
died in a fall while attempting*

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the south face of Lhotse; and numerous other renowned climbers including Voytek Kurtyka, Artur Hajzer, Andrej Zawaka, and Krzysztof Wielicki. This is a fascinating window into a different world, far-removed

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from modernity yet connected by the strange allure of the mountain landscape, and a story of inspiring passion against all odds. This title is part of our LEGENDS AND LORE series. Click here > to learn

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*—Boston Globe In The Last of
His Kind, renowned adventure
writer David Roberts gives
readers a spellbinding history of
mountain climbing in the*

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*twentieth century as told
through the biography of Brad
Washburn, legendary
mountaineering pioneer and
photographer. Jon Krakauer,
author of Into Thin Air, has
praised David Roberts, saying,*

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"Nobody alive writes better about mountaineering"—and nowhere is that truth more evident than in this breathtaking account of the life and exploits of America's greatest mountain climber.

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The bestselling author of No Shortcuts to the Top and K2 chronicles his three attempts to climb the world's tenth-highest and statistically deadliest peak, Annapurna in the Himalaya, while exploring the dramatic

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and tragic history of others who have made -- or attempted - the ascent, and what these exploits teach us about facing life's greatest challenges. As a high school student in the flatlands of Rockford, Illinois, where the

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highest objects on the horizon were water towers, Ed Viesturs read and was captivated by the French climber Maurice Herzog's famous and grisly account of the first ascent of Annapurna in 1950. When he began his own

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*campaign to climb the world's
14 highest peaks in the late
1980s, Viesturs looked forward
with trepidation to undertaking
Annapurna himself. Two failures
to summit in 2000 and 2002
made Annapurna his nemesis.*

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His successful 2005 ascent was the triumphant capstone of his climbing quest. In The Will To Climb Viesturs brings the extraordinary challenges of Annapurna to vivid life through edge-of-your-seat accounts of

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the greatest climbs in the mountain's history, and of his own failed attempts and eventual success. In the process he ponders what Annapurna reveals about some of our most fundamental moral and spiritual

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questions--questions, he believe, that we need to answer to lead our lives well. "Of all fourteen of the world's highest mountains, which I climbed between 1989 and 2005," writes Viesturs, "the one that came the

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closest to defeating my best efforts was Annapurna."

Although it was the first 8,000-meter peak to be climbed, Annapurna is not as well known as the world's highest mountain, Everest, or

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second highest, K2. But as Viesturs argues, Annapurna, while not technically the most difficult of the 8,000ers, is the most daunting because it has no route--no ridge or face on any side of the mountain--that is

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relatively free of what climbers call "objective danger"-the threat of avalanches, above all, but also of collapsing seracs (huge ice blocks), falling rocks, and crevasses. Since its first ascent in 1950, Annapurna has

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been climbed by more than 130 people, but 53 have died trying. This high fatality rate makes Annapurna the most dangerous of the 8,000-meter peaks. Viesturs and co-author David Roberts chronicle Ed's three

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*attempts to climb Annapurna,
as well as the attempts of
others, from the two French
climbers who made the
landmark first ascent of
Annapurna on June 3, 1950,
through the daring and tragic*

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campaigns of such world-class mountaineers as Reinhold Messner and Anatoli Boukreev. Viesturs's accounts and analyses of these extraordinary adventures serve as a point of departure for his exploration of

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*themes vividly illustrated by
Annapurna expeditions,
including obsession and
commitment, fear and
fulfillment, failure and
triumph--issues that have been
neglected in the otherwise very*

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rich literature of mountaineering, and that can inform the lives and actions of everyone. From the Hardcover edition.

In national bestseller The Mountain, world-renowned

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climber and bestselling author Ed Viesturs and cowriter David Roberts paint a vivid portrait of obsession, dedication, and human achievement in a true love letter to the world's highest peak. In The Mountain, veteran

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world-class climber and bestselling author Ed Viesturs—the only American to have climbed all fourteen of the world's 8,000-meter peaks—trains his sights on Mount Everest in richly detailed

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accounts of expeditions that are by turns personal, harrowing, deadly, and inspiring. The highest mountain on earth, Everest remains the ultimate goal for serious high-altitude climbers. Viesturs has gone on

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*eleven expeditions to Everest,
spending more than two years
of his life on the mountain and
reaching the summit seven
times. No climber today is
better poised to survey
Everest's various ascents—both*

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personal and historic. Viesturs sheds light on the fate of Mallory and Irvine, whose 1924 disappearance just 800 feet from the summit remains one of mountaineering's greatest mysteries, as well as the

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multiply tragic last days of Rob Hall and Scott Fischer in 1996, the stuff of which Into Thin Air was made. Informed by the experience of one who has truly been there, The Mountain affords a rare glimpse into that

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*place on earth where
Heraclitus's maxim—"Character
is destiny"—is proved time and
again.*

Dead Lucky

One Soldier, Fourteen Peaks --

My Life in the Death Zone

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Beyond Possible

Buried in the Sky

*The Mountain Life of Christine
Boskoff*

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True Heroism on K2*

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*One Man, Fourteen Peaks, and
the Mountaineering*

Achievement of a Lifetime

**At 28,251 feet, K2 might be
almost 800 feet shorter than
Everest, but it is a far tougher
proposition. Unlike Everest, there**

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is no "Yak route" for commercial clients. It is hard climbing all the way from its base to its summit. K2 will kill you on the way up and kill you on the way down. Mick Conefrey tells the story of three extraordinary expeditions filled with riveting drama and

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**unimaginable tragedy- Fritz
Wiessener's controversial attempt
of 1939, the disastrous American
expedition of 1953, and the huge
Italian expedition of 1954 on
which K2 was first climbed. He
captures the bold and eccentric
characters - their friendships and**

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rivalries, their guilt and betrayals. At the center of the narrative is Charlie Houston, who led the failed 1953 expedition, who was forced to give up his ambition of ever reaching the summit, and who was haunted for the rest of his life by the ghosts

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**of the world's most beautiful and
lethal mountain.**

**The account of one of the
deadliest and most mysterious
tragedies in mountaineering
history-the 2008 K2 disaster. One
Mountain Thousand Summits
reveals the true story of the K2**

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tragedy that claimed the lives of eleven men. Based on his numerous trips to Nepal and in-depth interviews he conducted with the survivors, the families of the lost climbers, and the Sherpa guides whose heroic efforts saved the lives of at least four climbers,

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Freddie Wilkinson's narrative uncovers what actually occurred on the mountain, while delivering a criticism of the mainstream press's incomplete coverage of the event, and an insightful look into the lives of the six Sherpas who were involved.

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A thrilling chronicle of the tragedy-ridden history of climbing the world's most difficult and unpredictable mountain, by the bestselling authors of *The Mountain and No Shortcuts to the Top* “Gripping . . . reveals a good deal about the

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rarefied noble-gonzo world of high-altitude mountaineering.”—The New York Times Ed Viesturs, one of the world's premier high-altitude mountaineers, explores the remarkable history of K2 and of those who have attempted to

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conquer it. At the same time, he probes the mountain's most memorable sagas in order to illustrate lessons about the fundamental questions mountaineering raises—questions of risk, ambition, loyalty to one's teammates, self-sacrifice, and the

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price of glory. Viesturs knows the mountain firsthand. He and renowned alpinist Scott Fischer climbed it in 1992 and got caught in an avalanche that sent them sliding to almost certain death before Ed managed to get into a self-arrest position with his ice ax

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and stop both his fall and Scott's. Focusing on seven of the mountain's most dramatic campaigns, from his own troubled ascent to the 2008 tragedy, Viesturs crafts an edge-of-your-seat narrative that climbers and armchair travelers

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alike will find unforgettably compelling. With photographs from Viesturs's personal collection and from historical sources, this is the definitive account of the world's ultimate mountain, and of the lessons that can be gleaned from struggling

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toward its elusive summit.

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high-altitude climbing, a story of
bad luck and worse judgment and
of heartbreaking heroism."**

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—PEOPLE A bank of clouds was assembling on the not-so-distant horizon, but journalist-mountaineer Jon Krakauer, standing on the summit of Mt. Everest, saw nothing that "suggested that a murderous storm was bearing down." He was

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wrong. The storm, which claimed five lives and left countless more--including Krakauer's--in guilt-ridden disarray, would also provide the impetus for Into Thin Air, Krakauer's epic account of the May 1996 disaster. By writing Into Thin Air, Krakauer may have

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hoped to exorcise some of his own demons and lay to rest some of the painful questions that still surround the event. He takes great pains to provide a balanced picture of the people and events he witnessed and gives due credit to the tireless and dedicated

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Sherpas. He also avoids blasting easy targets such as Sandy Pittman, the wealthy socialite who brought an espresso maker along on the expedition. Krakauer's highly personal inquiry into the catastrophe provides a great deal of insight

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**into what went wrong. But for
Krakauer himself, further
interviews and investigations only
lead him to the conclusion that
his perceived failures were
directly responsible for a fellow
climber's death. Clearly,
Krakauer remains haunted by the**

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disaster, and although he relates a number of incidents in which he acted selflessly and even heroically, he seems unable to view those instances objectively. In the end, despite his evenhanded and even generous assessment of others' actions, he

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reserves a full measure of vitriol for himself. This updated trade paperback edition of Into Thin Air includes an extensive new postscript that sheds fascinating light on the acrimonious debate that flared between Krakauer and Everest guide Anatoli Boukreev in

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the wake of the tragedy. "I have no doubt that Boukreev's intentions were good on summit day," writes Krakauer in the postscript, dated August 1999. "What disturbs me, though, was Boukreev's refusal to acknowledge the possibility that

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he made even a single poor decision. Never did he indicate that perhaps it wasn't the best choice to climb without gas or go down ahead of his clients." As usual, Krakauer supports his points with dogged research and a good dose of humility. But

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rather than continue the heated discourse that has raged since Into Thin Air's denouncement of guide Boukreev, Krakauer's tone is conciliatory; he points most of his criticism at G. Weston De Walt, who coauthored The Climb, Boukreev's version of events. And

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**in a touching conclusion,
Krakauer recounts his last
conversation with the late
Boukreev, in which the two
weathered climbers agreed to
disagree about certain points.
Krakauer had great hopes to
patch things up with Boukreev,**

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but the Russian later died in an avalanche on another Himalayan peak, Annapurna I. In 1999, Krakauer received an Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters--a prestigious prize intended "to honor writers of

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exceptional accomplishment."
According to the Academy's
citation, "Krakauer combines the
tenacity and courage of the finest
tradition of investigative
journalism with the stylish
subtlety and profound insight of
the born writer. His account of an

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ascent of Mount Everest has led to a general reevaluation of climbing and of the commercialization of what was once a romantic, solitary sport; while his account of the life and death of Christopher McCandless, who died of starvation after

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**challenging the Alaskan
wilderness, delves even more
deeply and disturbingly into the
fascination of nature and the
devastating effects of its lure on
a young and curious mind."**

**Scott Fischer, Mount Everest & a
Life Lived on High**

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**Sherpas and Himalayan
Mountaineering**

Touching My Father's Soul

**The Extraordinary Story of the
Sherpa Climbers on K2's
Deadliest Day**

**The Last Man on the Mountain:
The Death of an American**

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Adventurer on K2

Ghosts of K2

**The True Story of Everest's Most
Controversial Season**

On Track

*Though not as tall as Everest, the
"Savage Mountain" is far more
dangerous. Located on the border of*

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China and Pakistan, K2 has some of the harshest climbing conditions in the world. Ninety women have scaled Everest but of the six women who reached the summit of K2, three lost their lives on the way back down the mountain and two have since died on other climbs. In Savage Summit, Jennifer Jordan shares

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the tragic, compelling, inspiring, and extraordinary true stories of a handful of courageous women -- mothers and daughters, wives and lovers, poets and engineers -- who defeated this formidable mountain yet ultimately perished in pursuit of their dreams.

Edge of the Map is equal parts inspiring,

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dramatic, and heartbreaking. One of America's greatest high altitude mountaineers, Christine Boskoff was at the top of her career when she and her partner died in an avalanche in 2006. Charismatic, principled, and humble, Boskoff was also a deeply loved role model to her climbing partners and the

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Sherpa community. Edge of the Map traces the sharp twists and turns in Boskoff's life, from her early years as a Lockheed engineer, through her first successes in the climbing world, to her purchase of Seattle-based Mountain Madness after owner and climber Scott Fischer died in the 1996 Everest disaster.

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Her life was one of constant achievement mixed with personal tragedy. The story follows Boskoff as she perseveres and moves on to even bigger peaks, earning acclaim as a world-class mountaineer, then later as she finds an alpine partnership with legendary Colorado climber Charlie Fowler.

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On Track tells the story of John Blay's long-distance search for the Bundian Way, an important Aboriginal pathway between Mt Kosciuszko and Twofold Bay near Eden on the New South Wales far south coast. The 360-kilometre route traverses some of the nation's most remarkable landscapes, from the highest

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place on the continent to the ocean. This epic bushwalking story uncovers the history, country and rediscovery of this significant track. Now heritage-listed, and thanks to the work of Blay and local Indigenous communities, the Bundian Way is set to be one of the great Australian walks.

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A New York Times and Wall Street Journal bestseller – What happened that night on Dead Mountain? The mystery of Dead Mountain: In February 1959, a group of nine experienced hikers in the Russian Ural Mountains died mysteriously on an elevation known as Dead Mountain. Eerie aspects of the

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incident—unexplained violent injuries, signs that they cut open and fled the tent without proper clothing or shoes, a strange final photograph taken by one of the hikers, and elevated levels of radiation found on some of their clothes—have led to decades of speculation over what really happened.

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As gripping and bizarre as Hunt for the Skin Walker: This New York Times bestseller, Dead Mountain: The Untold True Story of the Dyatlov Pass Incident, is a gripping work of literary nonfiction that delves into the mystery of Dead Mountain through unprecedented access to the hikers' own journals and

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photographs, rarely seen government records, dozens of interviews, and the author's retracing of the hikers' fateful journey in the Russian winter. You'll love this real-life tale: Dead Mountain is a fascinating portrait of young adventurers in the Soviet era, and a skillful interweaving of the hikers' narrative, the

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investigators' efforts, and the author's investigations. Here for the first time is the real story of what happened that night on Dead Mountain.

In a story of Everest unlike any told before, Jamling Tenzing Norgay gives us an insider's view of the Sherpa world. As Climbing Leader of the famed 1996

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Everest IMAX expedition led by David Breashears, Jamling Norgay was able to follow in the footsteps of his legendary mountaineer father, Tenzing Norgay, who with Sir Edmund Hillary was the first to reach the summit of Mount Everest, in 1953. Jamling Norgay interweaves the story of his own ascent

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during the infamous May 1996 Mount Everest disaster with little-known stories from his father's historic climb and the spiritual life of the Sherpas, revealing a fascinating and profound world that few -- even many who have made it to the top -- have ever seen.

A Sherpa's Journey to the Top of Everest

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Last of His Kind

*Obsession and Commitment and the
Quest to Climb Annapurna--The World's
Deadliest Peak*

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Treks and Climbs in Wadi Rum, Jordan
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*The Life and Death of the First Women
of K2*

On 1 August 2008 Ger McDonnell became the first Irish person to summit K2. The descent of his expedition became one of the worst disasters in

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mountaineering history. An extensively researched story of bravery and heroism in the face of terrible odds.

On 1 August 2008, thirty-four climbers from seven international expeditions joined forces in their attempt to reach the summit of K2. Tragedy struck and

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for three days Sherpa Pemba Gyalje and others tried to save the lives of those around them. A gripping eye-witness account of one of mountaineering's most controversial disasters.

Nepali climber Nims Purja is the first

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man ever to summit all fourteen of the world's 8000 meter "Death Zone" peaks. He did so in less than seven months, breaking the previous record of seven years. In this spellbinding memoir , tied to the acclaimed Netflix documentary "14 Peaks," Purja reveals

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the man behind the climbs, explaining how his early life in Nepal and training as a soldier in Britain's elite Gurkha and SBS units allowed him to achieve a mountaineering mission few thought was attainable. Purja shows how leadership, integrity, and collaboration

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drive world's greatest climbing feats, including the first-ever winter ascent of Pakistan's K2—another mountaineering milestone that he achieved in January 2021. Both profound and inspiring, this intimate book reveals what it takes to go miles beyond the possible.

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selection*** “If you’re only going to read one Everest book this decade, make it *The Third Pole*. . . . A riveting adventure.”—*Outside* Shivering, exhausted, gasping for oxygen, beyond doubt . . . A hundred-year mystery

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lured veteran climber Mark Synnott into an unlikely expedition up Mount Everest during the spring 2019 season that came to be known as “the Year Everest Broke.” What he found was a gripping human story of impassioned characters from around the globe and a

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mountain that will consume your soul—and your life—if you let it. The mystery? On June 8, 1924, George Mallory and Sandy Irvine set out to stand on the roof of the world, where no one had stood before. They were last seen eight hundred feet shy of

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Everest's summit still "going strong" for the top. Could they have succeeded decades before Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay? Irvine is believed to have carried a Kodak camera with him to record their attempt, but it, along with his body, had never been found.

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Did the frozen film in that camera have a photograph of Mallory and Irvine on the summit before they disappeared into the clouds, never to be seen again? Kodak says the film might still be viable. . . . Mark Synnott made his own ascent up the infamous North Face

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along with his friend Renan Ozturk, a filmmaker using drones higher than any had previously flown. Readers witness first-hand how Synnott's quest led him from oxygen-deprivation training to archives and museums in England, to Kathmandu, the Tibetan

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high plateau, and up the North Face into a massive storm. The infamous traffic jams of climbers at the very summit immediately resulted in tragic deaths. Sherpas revolted. Chinese officials turned on Synnott's team. An Indian woman miraculously crawled

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her way to frostbitten survival. Synnott himself went off the safety rope—one slip and no one would have been able to save him—committed to solving the mystery. Eleven climbers died on Everest that season, all of them mesmerized by an irresistible magic.

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The Third Pole is a rapidly accelerating ride to the limitless joy and horror of human obsession.

Jim Haberl's compelling and gorgeously illustrated first-person account of his successful 1993 assault on K2, the storied Himalayan mountain

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second only to Everest in altitude, bristles with danger and glistens with the splendor of his experience. You are at his side as he describes, step by step, the arduous ascent he and his companions forged to the top. He spares no detail of his emotions along

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the way -- exhilaration at his moment standing atop the world, and devastation at the death of his close friend and climbing partner, Dan Culver, on their descent from the peak. Destined to become a classic of mountaineering lore, K2: Dreams and

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uneasy with a life of leisure, Dudley Wolfe, of Boston and Rockport, Maine, set out to become the first man to climb K2, the world's second-highest mountain and, in the opinion of mountaineers, an even more formidable challenge than Mt.

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Everest. Although close to middle age and inexperienced at high altitude, Wolfe, with the team leader, made it higher than any other members of the expedition, but he couldn't get back down. Suffering from altitude sickness and severe dehydration, he was

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*abandoned at nearly 25,000 feet;
it would be another sixty-three
years before the author
discovered his remains.*

*An inspiring biography chronicles
the life and adventures of
renowned mountaineer Scott
Fischer, from his climbing*

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excursions on mountains around the world to the ill-fated 1996 expedition to Mount Everest in which he and seven others perished. Reprint.

K2 is almost 800ft shorter than Everest, yet it's a far harder climb. Many great mountaineers

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became obsessed with reaching its summit, not all of them lived to tell of their adventures.

Capturing the depth of their obsession, the heart-stopping tension of the climb and delving into the controversy that still surrounds the first ascent, Mick

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Conefrey delivers the definitive account of the 'Savage Mountain'. From drug-addicted occultist Aleister Crowley to the brilliant but tortured expedition leader Charlie Houston and, later, the Italian duo who finally made it to the top, Conefrey

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*resurrects the tragic heroes,
eccentric dreamers and
uncompromising rivalries forever
instilled in K2's legacy. This is
the riveting, groundbreaking
story of the world's deadliest
mountain.*

The Sherpas were dead, two more

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victims of an attempt to scale Mt. Everest. Members of a French climbing expedition, sensitive perhaps about leaving the bodies where they could not be recovered, rolled them off a steep mountain face. One body, however, crashed to a stop near

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Sherpas on a separate expedition far below. They stared at the frozen corpse, stunned. They said nothing, but an American climber observing the scene interpreted their thoughts: Nobody would throw the body of a white climber off Mt. Everest. For more than a

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century, climbers from around the world have journeyed to test themselves on Everest's treacherous slopes, enlisting the expert aid of the Sherpas who live in the area. Drawing on years of field research in the Himalayas, renowned anthropologist Sherry

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Ortner presents a compelling account of the evolving relationship between the mountaineers and the Sherpas, a relationship of mutual dependence and cultural conflict played out in an environment of mortal risk. Ortner explores this

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***relationship partly through
gripping accounts of
expeditions--often in the
climbers' own words--ranging
from nineteenth-century forays
by the British through the
historic ascent of Hillary and
Tenzing to the disasters***

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described in Jon Krakauer's Into Thin Air. She reveals the climbers, or "sahibs," to use the Sherpas' phrase, as countercultural romantics, seeking to transcend the vulgarity and materialism of modernity through the rigor and

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beauty of mountaineering. She shows how climbers' behavior toward the Sherpas has ranged from kindness to cruelty, from cultural sensitivity to derision. Ortner traces the political and economic factors that led the Sherpas to join expeditions and

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examines the impact of climbing on their traditional culture, religion, and identity. She examines Sherpas' attitude toward death, the implications of the shared masculinity of Sherpas and sahibs, and the relationship between Sherpas and the

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***increasing number of women
climbers. Ortner also tackles
debates about whether the
Sherpas have been "spoiled" by
mountaineering and whether
climbing itself has been spoiled
by commercialism.
K2, the second highest mountain***

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in the world, is widely recognised as the most difficult of the fourteen 8,000 metre peaks; its first ascent by the 1954 Italian expedition was therefore much admired by the entire mountaineering world. But in Italy there was pandemonium,

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and the victorious team was greeted in Genoa by a wildly cheering crowd 40,000 strong. After the humiliation of crushing defeat in World War 2, the conquest of K2 (following the dramatic American failure of the previous year) restored to the

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Italian public a renewed sense of national pride. The two victorious climbers, Compagnoni and Lacedelli, were feted as supermen, particularly since they had ultimately reached the summit without the use of oxygen -- which had run out well below

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the summit according to the official account of the climb. But behind the façade of national rejoicing and hero-worship all was not as it seemed. The team was later embroiled in accusations, counter-accusations and even court cases revolving

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around the events of the final climb to the summit. The two climbers who had carried up the oxygen to the highest Camp, Walter Bonatti and the porter Mahdi, had been abandoned on the summit eve and compelled to bivouac in the open with no

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protection whatever. Fortunately they survived, but worse was to follow: ten years later Bonatti was accused of betraying Compagnoni and Lacedelli and of using some of their oxygen during his night in the open so that the cylinders became

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exhausted 400 metres below the peak. He fought and won a libel case in 1966, but despite this there was never any retraction of the various sordid versions of the affair that emerged over the next four decades. Bonatti's story was finally vindicated only recently

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when the Italian Alpine Club in 2007 published K2 -- Una Storia Finita, a revised official account that accepted his version of events as completely accurate. This book is the story of Bonatti's battle and how he challenged and finally changed forever the

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***official record of the first ascent
of K2.***

A Memoir of Survival

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***Ger McDonnell, His Life & Death
on K2***

No Way Down

*"The perfect follow-up to
Krakauer's riveting account of a
perfect storm." --Miami Herald*

"Kodas's absorbing description of

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the narrow moral compass governing human interaction at the top of the world is bound to shock both armchair adventurers and seasoned mountaineers."

--Chicago Tribune "(Kodas) discovered more deceit, thievery,

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*and double-crossing among his
climbers than you find in a Martin
Scorsese gangster film. High
Crimes is both an adventure
story and an expos of a sport
riddled with danger and
corruption." --Washington Post*

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Book World "Kodas's descriptions of the struggles confronting even the best-prepared climbers leave the reader breathless." --Dallas Morning News "[High Crimes] is hair-raising and lays bare the

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excitement and fear that face great explorers at the top of the world. . . . Well written, and as deftly plotted as the finest mystery novel, Kodas brings to life a disturbing picture of society at high altitude." --Austin

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Chronicle "Kodas does an excellent job exposing the ways in which money and ego have corrupted the traditional cultures of both mountaineers and their Sherpa guides. . . . His narrative is as hard to turn away from as a

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slow-motion train wreck."

*--Publishers Weekly High Crimes
is journalist Michael Kodas's
gripping account of life on top of
the world--where man is every bit
as deadly as Mother Nature.*

On August 1, 2008, no fewer

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than eight international teams of mountain climbers—some experienced, others less prepared—ascended K2, the world's second-highest mountain, with the last group reaching the summit at 8 p.m.

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Then disaster struck. A huge ice chunk came loose above a deadly three-hundred-foot avalanche-prone gully, destroying the fixed guide ropes. More than a dozen climbers—many without oxygen

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and some with no headlamps—faced the nearly impossible task of descending in the blackness with no guideline and no protection. Over the course of the chaotic night, some would miraculously make it back.

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Others would not. In this riveting work of narrative nonfiction, journalist Graham Bowley re-creates one of the most dramatic tales of death and survival in mountaineering history.

A New York Times Bestseller A

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*dramatic, inspiring memoir by
legendary rock climber Tommy
Caldwell, the first person to free
climb the Dawn Wall of
Yosemite's El Capitan "The
rarest of adventure reads: it
thrills with colorful details of*

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courage and perseverance but it enriches readers with an absolutely captivating glimpse into how a simple yet unwavering resolve can turn adversity into reward.” —The Denver Post A finalist for the Boardman Tasker

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Award for Mountain Literature
On January 14, 2015, Tommy
Caldwell, along with his partner,
Kevin Jorgeson, summited what
is widely regarded as the hardest
climb in history—Yosemite's
nearly vertical 3,000-foot Dawn

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*Wall, after nineteen days on the route. Caldwell's odds-defying feat—the subject of the documentary film *The Dawn Wall* to be released nationwide in September—was the culmination of an entire lifetime of pushing*

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*himself to his limits as an athlete.
This engrossing memoir
chronicles the journey of a boy
with a fanatical mountain-guide
father who was determined to
instill toughness in his son to a
teen whose obsessive nature*

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drove him to the top of the sport-climbing circuit. Caldwell's affinity for adventure then led him to the vertigo-inducing and little understood world of big wall free climbing. But his evolution as a climber was not without

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challenges; in his early twenties, he was held hostage by militants in a harrowing ordeal in the mountains of Kyrgyzstan. Soon after, he lost his left index finger in an accident. Later his wife, and main climbing partner, left

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him. Caldwell emerged from these hardships with a renewed sense of purpose and determination. He set his sights on free climbing El Capitan's biggest, steepest, blankest face—the Dawn Wall. This epic

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assault took more than seven years, during which time Caldwell redefined the sport, found love again, and became a father. The Push is an arresting story of focus, drive, motivation, endurance, and transformation, a

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book that will appeal to anyone seeking to overcome fear and doubt, cultivate perseverance, turn failure into growth, and find connection with family and with the natural world.

Fourteen mountains on Earth

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tower over 8,000 metres above sea level, an altitude where the brain and body withers and dies. Until recently, the world record for climbing them all stood at nearly eight years. So I announced I was summiting

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*them in under seven months.
People laughed. They told me I
was crazy, even though I'd
sharpened my climbing skills on
the brutal Himalayan peaks of
Everest and Dhaulagiri. But I
possessed more than enough*

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*belief, strength and resilience to
nail the job, having taken down
enemy gunmen and terrorist
bomb makers while serving with
the Gurkhas and the UK Special
Forces.*

The inside story of the deadly

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2006 climbing season on Everest
On May 15, 2006, a young
British climber named David
Sharp lay dying near the top of
Mount Everest while forty other
climbers walked past him on
their way to the summit. A week

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later, Lincoln Hall, a seasoned Australian climber, was left for dead near the same spot. Hall's death was reported around the world, but the next day he was found alive after spending the night on the upper mountain with

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no food and no shelter. If David Sharp's death was shocking, it was hardly singular: despite unusually good weather, ten others died attempting to reach the summit that year. In this meticulous inquiry into what went

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wrong, Nick Heil tells the full story of the deadliest year on Everest since the infamous season of 1996. He introduces Russell Brice, the commercial operator who has done more than anyone to provide access to

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the summit via the mountain's north side—and who some believe was partly accountable for Sharp's death. As more climbers attempt the summit each year, Heil shows how increasingly risky expeditions

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and unscrupulous outfitters threaten to turn Everest into a deadly circus. Written by an experienced climber and outdoor writer, Dark Summit is both a riveting account of a notorious climbing season and a troubling

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*investigation into whether the
pursuit of the ultimate
mountaineering prize has
spiraled out of control.*

Dead Mountain

*Life After Death on Mount
Everest*

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Addicted to Danger

*Climbing the World's 14 Highest
Peaks*

*The Classic True Story Of
Disaster And Survival On The
World's Second-Highest
Mountain*

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*A Journey of Trauma, Tragedy
and Triumph on K2*

*No Shortcuts to the Top
The Mountain*

**'A monumental book . . . I
defy anyone to read it
and remain unmoved.'**

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*Stephen Venables, Alpine
Journal Acclaimed as one
of the most powerful
accounts of mountain
adventure and tragedy
ever written, The
Endless Knot is a*

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*harrowing account of the
1986 K2 disaster. A rare
first-hand account from
a survivor at the very
epicentre of the drama,
The Endless Knot
describes the disaster*

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*in frank detail. Kurt
Diemberger's account of
the final days of
success, accident, storm
and escape during which
five climbers died,
including his partner*

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*Julie Tullis and the
great British
mountaineer Al Rouse, is
lacerating in its sense
of tragedy, loss and
dogged survival. Only
Diemberger and Willi*

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*Bauer escaped the
mountain. K2 had claimed
the lives of 13 climbers
that summer. Kurt
Diemberger is one of
only two climbers to
have made first ascents*

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*of two 8000-metre peaks,
Broad Peak and
Dhaulagiri. A superb
mountaineer, the K2
trauma left him
physically and
emotionally ravaged, but*

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*it also marked him out
as an instinctive and
tenacious survivor.
After a long period of
recovery Diemberger
published The Endless
Knot and resumed life as*

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*a mountaineer, filmmaker
and international
lecturer.*

*A veteran mountaineer
recalls some of his most
dangerous climbs as he
pursued the goal of*

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*reaching the summit of
the world's fourteen
8,000-meter peaks,
discussing some of his
own close calls and
rescues, and errors in
judgment on the part of*

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fellow climbers.

*Lincoln Hall's
breathtaking account of
surviving a night in
Everest's "death zone."
Lincoln Hall likes to
say that on the evening*

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of May 25, 2006, he died on Everest. Indeed, Hall attempted to climb the mountain during a deadly season in which eleven people perished. And he was, in fact, pronounced

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*dead, after collapsing
from altitude sickness.
Two Sherpas spent hours
trying to revive him,
but as darkness fell,
word came via radio from
the expedition's leader*

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*that they should descend
in order to save
themselves. The news of
Hall's death traveled
rapidly from
mountaineering websites
to news media around the*

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world, and ultimately to his family back in Australia. Early the next morning, however, an American guide, climbing with two clients and a Sherpa,

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*was startled to find
Hall sitting cross-
legged on a sharp crest
of the summit ridge. In
this page-turning
account of survival
against all odds, Hall*

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*chronicles in
fascinating detail the
days and nights that led
up to his fateful night
in Mount Everest's
"death zone." His story
is all the more*

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*miraculous given his
climbing history. Hall
had been part of
Australia's first
attempt to reach the top
of Everest in 1984 but
had not done any major*

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*climbing for many years,
having set aside his
passion in order to
support his family.*

*While others in the team
achieved their dream
during this 1984*

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*expedition, Hall was
forced to turn back due
to illness. Thus, his
triumph in reaching the
summit at the age of
fifty is a story unto
itself. So, too, is*

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Hall's description of his family's experience back in Australia, as sudden grief turned to relief and joy in a matter of hours. Rarely has there been such a

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*thrilling narrative of
one man's encounter with
the world's tallest
mountain.*

*Adventurist Jim Wickwire
has lived life on the
edge -- literally. An*

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*eyewitness to glory,
terror, and tragedy
above 20,000 feet, he
has braved bitter cold,
blinding storms, and
avalanches to become
what the Los Angeles*

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Times calls "one of
America's most
extraordinary and
accomplished high-
altitude mountaineers."
Although his incredible
exploits have inspired a

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*feature on 60 Minutes,
an award-winning PBS
documentary, a Broadway
play, and a full-length
film, he hasn't told his
remarkable story in his
own words -- until now.*

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*Among the world's most
intrepid and fearless
climbers, Jim Wickwire
has traveled the globe,
from Alaska to the Alps,
from the Andes to the
Himalayas, in search of*

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fresh challenges and new heights to conquer.

Along the way he accumulated an

extraordinary roster of historic achievements.

He was one of the first

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*two Americans to reach
the summit of the
28,250-foot K2, the
world's second highest
peak, acknowledged as
the toughest and most
dangerous to climb. He*

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*completed the first
alpine-style ascent of
Alaska's forbidding Mt.
McKinley, spending
several nights without
tents in snowcaves,
crevasses, and open*

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bivouacs. But with the triumphs came harrowing incidents of suffering and loss that haunt him still. On one climb, his shoulder broken by a fall, he watched

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*helplessly as a friend
slowly froze to death,
trapped in an ice
crevasse. Buffeted by
storms, Wickwire spent
two weeks utterly alone
on a remote glacier*

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*before his rescue. On
two other expeditions he
witnessed three fellow
climbers plunge
thousands of feet,
vanishing into the
mountain mist. A*

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*successful Seattle
attorney, Wickwire
climbed his first
mountain in 1960 and
discovered the wonder of
leaving behind the
complexities of the*

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*civilized world for the
pure life-and-death
logic of granite,
glacier, and snow.
Deeply compelled by the
allure of nature and the
thrill of risk, he*

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*pushed himself to the
limits of physical and
mental endurance for
thirty-five years,
ultimately climbing into
legend. After more than
three decades of*

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*uncommon challenges,
Wickwire faced a crisis
of heart -- a turning
point that threatened
his faith in himself and
his hope in the future.
How he reassessed his*

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*priorities and
rededicated his life --
to his family and to his
community -- completes a
unique and moving
portrait of one man's
courage, commitment ,*

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*and grace under
pressure. Addicted to
Danger is a tale of
adventure in its truest
sense.*

*A deeply moving story of
the beauty and brutality*

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*of life, and death, on
the world's most
unpredictable and
perilous mountain.*

*Sitting just lower than
Everest at 8,611 meeres
above sea level on the*

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*China-Pakistan border,
the Savage Mountain
claims the lives of even
the most experienced
climbers. Alongside
severe altitude, the
weather is notoriously*

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*volatile and the climb
relentlessly steep. A
staggering one in four
attempts result in death
on the mountain. In One
Man's Climb, Adrian
Hayes details an*

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*intensely personal
account of his attempts
to climb K2 - first in
2013 and again in 2014.
Absorbing and self-
reflective, his journey
is as much a story of*

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*climbing a mountain as
it is a testament to the
human spirit's ability
to endure.*

*The Race for the Summit
of the World's Most
Deadly Mountain*

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Savage Summit

Life and Death on K2

*Mystery, Obsession, and
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*The Untold True Story of
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Incident

*One Mountain Thousand
Summits*

*Affirming Life in the
Face of Death*

Presents the stories of the sharps
who have acted as expert

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consultants to Westerners climbing the Himalayas, focusing in particular on Chhiring Dorje Sherpa and Pasang Lama, who survived when 11 other climbers died on K2 in August 2008. 15,000 first printing.

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Traces the mountaineer's triumphs and tragedies, from challenging ascents in Alaska to the death of climbing partners, and discusses his motivation and love for the sport.

K2 is the second highest mountain

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in the world, at 8611 metres only a couple of hundred metres lower than Everest. It is one of the most unrelenting and testing of the worlds 8000-metre peaks. Jim Curran came to K2 as a climbing cameraman with an unsuccessful

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British expedition, but stayed on through the climbing season. This is his account of the dramatic events of that summer, a story of ambitions both achieved and thwarted on a mountain which all high-altitude climbers take the

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most pride in overcoming. In 1986 K2 took its toll of those ambitions. Curran vividly describes the moments that contribute to the exhilaration of climbing on the world's most demanding mountain, and he assesses the tragedy of that

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summer with compassion and impartiality.

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memoir Crazy for the Storm is the story of the harrowing plane crash the author miraculously survived at age eleven, framed by the moving tale of his complicated relationship with his charismatic, adrenaline-addicted father. Destined to stand

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with other classic true stories of man against nature—Into Thin Air and Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer; Sebastian Junger ' s The Perfect Storm—it is a literary triumph that novelist Russell Banks (Affliction) calls, “ A heart-stopping story

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culture, yet only a five-hour flight and a short onward journey from Europe. It was brought to the world's attention by Lawrence of Arabia, and the subsequent film of that name was responsible for the author's visit with a team of

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climbing friends in 1984. Thus began the exploration of Wadi Rum for rock climbing and trekking, with the approval and encouragement of the local Bedouin who have lived and climbed in this desert and

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mountain region for generations. The first edition of this guide published in 1987 contained about 140 routes. Since then the number of climbs has doubled. Here are detailed descriptions and 'topos' of all the known routes to

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every four people who reach the top, one dies in the attempt. K2, The Savage Mountain tells the dramatic story of the 1953 American expedition, led by Charles S. Houston, when a combination of terrible storms and illness stopped the team short of the 28,251-foot summit. Then on the descent, tragedy struck, and how the

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climbers made it back to safety is renowned in the annals of climbing. K2, The Savage Mountain captures this sensational tale with an unmatched power that has earned this book its place as one of the classics of mountaineering literature.

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