

BOOKS ABOUT TRADITIONAL MOUNTAINEERING

"To this day mountain climbing remains the most literary of all sports. No other activity so compels its participants, from the international star to the weekend scrambler, to turn each personal conquest into a public tale." Bruce Barcott, "Cliffhangers," Harpers, August 1996

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Scrambles Amongst the Alps, Edward Whymper, 1840-1911, re-published 1936, 1860-1869, 2002
Five Miles High, Robert H. Bates And Charles S. Houston, M.D., 1939
Annapurna, Maurice Herzog, 1952
The Conquest of Everest, Sir John Hunt, 1953
K2 The Savage Mountain, Charles S. Houston & Robert Bates, 1954
Starlight and Storm, Gaston Rebuffat, 1957
Americans on Everest, Norman Dyhrenfurth, 1963
Everest, The West Ridge, Thomas Hornbein, MD 1963 *
On Snow and Rock, Gaston Rebuffat, 1963
Conquistadors Of The Useless, Lionel Terray, 1963, 2001-2008
On The Heights, Walter Bonatti, 1964
Between heaven and Earth, Gaston Rebuffat, 1965
Men and the Matterhorn, Gaston Rebuffat, 1967
The Book of Modern Mountaineering, editor Malcolm Milne, 1968
Annapurna South Face, Chris Bonington, 1971
The Vertical World of Yosemite, editor Galen Rowell, 1974
Mountains, John Cleare, 1975
The White Spider, Heinrich Harrer, 1976, + 1976 paperback signed
Storm & Sorrow, Robert W. Craig, 1977
The Mountains of Canada, Randy Morse, 1978
Tales of a Western Mountaineer, CE Rusk, 1978 *
The Challenge of Rainier, Dee Molenaar, 1979 *
Fifty Classic Climbs of North America, Steve Roper, 1979 *
Many People Come Looking, Galen Rowell, 1980
The Last Step, the American Ascent of K2, Rick Ridgeway, 1980
Eiger, Wall of Death, Arthur Roth, 1982 +
Moments Of Doubt, David Roberts, 1986
K2, Triumph and Tragedy, Jim Curran, 1987
K2 The 1939 Tragedy, Andrew Kauffman & William Putnam, 1992
Cloud Dancers, Jonathon Waterman Editor, 1993
Heroic Climbs, Editor Chris Bonington, 1994
In The Zone, Peter Potterfield, 1996
A Fine Kind of Madness, Laura and Guy Waterman, 2000
John Muir Natures Visionary, Gretel Ehrlich for National Graphic Society, 2000
Brotherhood of the Rope, Biography of Charles Houston, Bernadette McDonald, 2007
Soul Of The Heights, Ed Cooper, 2007

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Mountaineering, the Freedom of the Hills, The Mountaineers, 2nd edition, 1967
Mountaineering, the Freedom of the Hills, The Mountaineers, 3rd edition, 1974
Mountaineering, the Freedom of the Hills, The Mountaineers, 4th edition, 1982
Mountaineering, the Freedom of the Hills, The Mountaineers, 5th edition, 1992
Mountaineering, the Freedom of the Hills, The Mountaineers, 6th edition, 1997
Mountaineering, the Freedom of the Hills, The Mountaineers, 7th edition, 2003 + *
The Book of Modern Mountaineering, Malcolm Milne, editor, 1968
Bergsteigen, RC Aleith, 1975
The Leader's Reference Book, editors Sierra Club, 1985
Mountaineering Basics, editor Lynne Foster, 1982
Mountaineering Training Committee Staff Handbook, editors Speik and Knudson, 1985
The Handbook of Climbing, Fyffe and Peter, 1997
NOLS Wilderness Mountaineering, Phil Powers, 1993
Extreme Alpinism, Mark Twight and James Martin, 1999 *

TRADITIONS AND ETHICS

The Great Pacific Iron Works Catalog, Yvon Chouinard, 1972 *
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Peaks, Passes and Glaciers, Walt Unsworth, editor, Selections from Alpine Journal, 1981
Cloud Dancers, Portraits of North American Mountaineers, editor Jonathan Waterman, 1993
Beyond Risk, Conversations with Climbers, editor Nicholas O'Connell, 1993
On Belay, The Life and Legend of Paul Petzoldt, Raye Ringholz, 1997 +
Outdoor Leadership, John Graham, 1997
NOLS Climbing Instructor Notebook, editors Phil Powers and Micheal Cheek, 2000
The American Alpine Club Membership Handbook 1999/2000
Wilderness Risk Management Conference Proceedings, NOLS, Outward Bound and CSA, 2000
Dougal Haston The Philosophy of Risk, Jeff Conner, 2002
A Century of American Alpinism, Fay, Bent, Palmer et al, 2002
The American Alpine News Spring 2004-summer 2004, summer 2005-winter 2005,
summer 2006-winter 2006
The American Alpine Journal, editor John Harlin III, Volume 39,1977 – volume 49, 2007

TRADITIONAL ROCK CLIMBING TECHNIQUES

Basic Rockcraft, Royal Robbins, 1971 *
Advanced Rockcraft, Royal Robbins, 1973 *
Basic Rock Climbing, Bergsteigen, Revised Edition, R. C. Aleith, 1975
Learning to Rock Climb, Michael Loughman, 1981
Rappelling, Tom Martin, 1985
How to Rappel, Craig Luebben, 2000
How to Rock Climb, John Long 1993 +
Climbing Anchors, John Long, 1993
More Climbing Anchors, John Long and Bob Gaines, 1996
Big Wall Climbing, Doug Scott, 1974
Big Walls, John Long and John Middendorf, 1994
Free Climbing with John Bachar, Bachar and Boga, 1996
The Handbook of Climbing, Allen Fyffe & Ian Peter, revised edition, 1997
Quick Clips, Climbing Magazine, 1997
Spirit of the Rock, Ron Kauk, 2003
Alpine Climbing: Techniques to Take You Higher, Mark Houston and Kathy Cosley, 2004
Rock Climbing: Mastering Basic Skills, Craig Luebben, 2004

CLIMBING MOUNTAIN SNOW, ROCK AND ICE

Climbing Ice, Yvon Chouinard, 1978, paper 1978 +
Icecraft, Norman Kingsley, 1975
Climbing Ice, Duane Raleigh, 1995

Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue, Andy Selters, 1990 +
Climbing Rock and Ice, Jerry Cinnamon, 1993
Rock and Ice Gear, Clyde Soles, Rock and Ice, 2000

ACCIDENT RESPONSE

Accidents in North American Mountaineering, editor Jed Williamson, fifty annual editions, 1977-1987, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1997-2007
International Mountain Rescue Handbook, Hamish MacInnes, 1972
CMC Rope Rescue Manual, editors Frank and Smith, 1992
Self-Rescue, David Fasulo, 1996 +
Close Calls, John Long, 1999
Lessons Learned, editor University of Alaska, 2000
Mountain Disasters, Hamish MacInnes Editor, 2003
Playing For Real, Stories From Rocky Mountain Rescue, Mark Scott-Nash, 2007

WILDERNESS MEDICINE

Backcountry First Aid and Extended Care, Buck Tilton, 1998 +
Wilderness Medical Society Practice Guidelines, WMS, 1997
Wilderness First Responder Text, Buck Tilton 1998 +
Medicine for the Backcountry, Buck Tilton, 1997
Don't Get Sick, Buck Tilton, 1997
Medicine for Mountaineering, Wilkerson, 1961
Mountaineering First Aid, Dick Mitchell, 1972
Outward Bound Wilderness First Aid, Isaac and Goth, MD, 1994
Mountaineering Medicine, Fred Darvill, Jr., MD, 1992
How to Shit in the Woods, Kathleen Meyer, 1999
Altitude Illness: Prevention & Treatment, Stephen Bezruchka, M.D., 2005

HYPOTHERMIA AND FROST BITE

Hypothermia, Frostbite and Other Cold Injuries, Wilkerson, MD and Bangs, MD, 1986 +

SNOW TRAVEL

Snow Camping, editors Nordic World, 1974
Snow Caves, Ernest Wilkinson, 1992
The Basic Essentials of Avalanche Safety, Buck Tilton, 1992
Snow Sense, Jill Fredston and Doug Fesler, 1994
Allen and Mike's Really Cool Backcountry Ski Book, O'Bannon and Clelland, 1996 +

BACKPACKING

The Thousand Mile Summer, Colin Fletcher, 1964
The Complete Walker, Colin Fletcher, 1968 +
The Man Who Walked Through Time, Colin Fletcher, 1971
Backpacking, One Step at a Time, Harvey Manning, 1972
Pleasure Pack'n, Robert Wood, 1972, For the 80s, Revised, 1980
The Majestic Rocky Mountains, William S. Ellis, 1976
NOLS Wilderness Guide, Simer and Sullivan, 1983
NOLS Soft Paths, Hampton and Cole, 1986
Journey On The Crest, Cindy Ross, 1987, 1997
The Secret Worlds of Colin Fletcher, 1990
The Pacific Crest Trail Hiker's Handbook, Ray Jardine, 1992
A Walk in the Woods, Bill Bryson, 1998
Journey on the Crest, Cindy Ross, 1987
Bear Aware, Bill Schneider, 1999
Beyond Backpacking, Ray Jardine, 2000
Winter Hiking & Camping, Backpacker Magazine, Michael Lanza, 2003

BACKPACK COOKERY

Backpack Cookery, Ruth Mendenhall, 1966
Food for Knapsackers, Hasse Brunnelle, 1971
The Well-fed Backpacker, June Fleming, 1976
Gorp, Glop and Glue Stew, editors Prater and Mendenhall, 1982
Wilderness Ranger's Cookbook, editors Brunnelle and Swain, 1990
Cooking the One Burner Way, Gray and Tilton, 1994 +

LOCAL HIKING GUIDES

Pacific Crest Trail, two volumes, Jeffery Schaffer, 1974 +
60 Hiking Trails in the Central Oregon Cascades, Don and Roberta Lowe, 1978
Ski Tours in Central Oregon, Virginia Meissner, 1984
High Country of Central Oregon, Ray Hatton, 1987
100 Hikes in the Central Oregon Cascades, William Sullivan, 1991 +
The Hiker's Guide to Oregon, Donna Aitkenhead, 1992
Twenty-five Hikes along the Pacific Crest Trail, Don and Lolly Skillman, 1994
Adventure Guide to Mt. Rainier, Jeff Smoot, 1991, 1994, 1998
100 Hikes in Eastern Oregon, William L. Sullivan, 2001
100 Hikes in Southern Oregon, William L. Sullivan, 2003
The Colorado Trail 7th Edition Revised, Colorado Trail Foundation, 2008

BOOKS ON MOUNTAIN WEATHER

Bend Country Weather, Ray Hatton, 1990
Northwest Mountain Weather, Jeff Renner, 1992 +

WILDERNESS CONCEPT

My First Summer in the Sierra, John Muir, 1911
A Sand County Almanac, Aldo Leopold, 1949
The Yosemite, John Muir, 1912, re-published 1962
NOLS Soft Paths, editors Hampton and Cole, 1995 +
Lightly on the Land, Robert Birkby, for the Student Conservation Association, 1996

BACKCOUNTRY NAVIGATION

Be Expert with Map and Compass, Bjorn Kjellstrom, 1955 (-)
The Basic Essentials of Map and Compass, Cliff Jacobson, 1988
Staying Found, June Fleming, 1994 +
GPS Made Easy, Lawrence Letham, 1995
Wilderness Navigation, Burns and Burns, 1999
GPS Land Navigation, Michael Ferguson, 1997 +
A Comprehensive Guide to Land Navigation with GPS, Noel Hotchkiss, 1994
Using GPS, Bruce Grubbs, 1999

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Men Against The Clouds, Burdsall Emmons Moore Young, 1935 (revised by Seattle Mountaineers 1980)
British Mountaineers, F. S. Smythe, 1942
The Ascent of Everest, John Hunt, 1953
The Conquest of Everest, Sir John Hunt, 1958
Karakoram – The Ascent of Gasherbrum IV, Fosco Maraini, 1961
Four Against Everest, Woodrow Wilson Sayre, 1964
Americans on Everest, Norman Dyhrenfurth, 1964 +
Everest, the West Ridge, Thomas Hornbein, MD 1965 + * , 1980
The Ultimate Challenge, Chris Bonington, 1973
The Shining Mountain, Peter Boardman, 1978
The Boldest Dream, Rick Ridgeway, 1979

High Mountains & Cold Seas, J. R. L. Anderson, 1980 (biography of H.W. Tilman)
Expeditions To Nowhere, Paddy Sherman, 1981
Kongur China's Elusive Summit, Chris Bonington, 1982
Sacred Summits, Peter D. Boardman, 1982
The Shishapangma Expedition, Doug Scott & Alex MacIntyre, 1984
Everest Grand Circle, Ned Gillette and Jan Reynolds, 1985
White Limbo, Lincoln Hall, 1985
Thin Air, Greg Child, 1988
The Endless Knot, Kurt Diemberger, 1990
Blind Corners, Geoff Tabin, 1993
Beyond the Limits, Stacy Allison, 1993
Mount McKinley, Fred Beckey, 1993
Everest, Mountain Without Mercy, Broughton Coburn, 1996
The Measure Of A Mountain, Bruce Barcott, 1997
Dark Shadows Falling, Joe Simpson, 1997
Into Thin Air, John Krakauer, 1997 + 1997, + 1997
The Climb, Anatoli Boukreev and G. DeWalt, 1997 +
The Other Side of Everest, Matt Dickinson, 1999
High Exposure, David Breashears (director), 1999 (made into movie)
Tibet's Secret Mountain, Chris Bonington and Charles Clarke, 1999
Ghosts of Everest, the Search for Mallory and Irvine, Hemmleb, Johnson and Simonson, 1999
Climbing High, Lene Gammelgaard, 1999
Life and Death on Mt. Everest, Sherry Ortner, 1999
The Ghosts of Everest, Hemmle, Johnson and Simonson, 1999 *
Fear No Boundary, Lincoln Hall & Sue Fear, 2005
Fallen Giants, Maurice Isserman & Stewart Weaver, 2008

CLIMBING GUIDE BOOKS

Footloose in the Swiss Alps, William Reifsnnyder, 1974
Climber's Guide to the High Sierra, Steve Roper, 1976
Cascade Alpine Guide, three volumes, Fred Becky, 1977
100 Hikes in the Alps, Spring and Edwards, 1979
Climber's Guide to Joshua Tree, Wolf and Dominick, 1979
Joshua Tree National Monument, Robert Cates, 1984
Mexico's Volcanoes, a Climbing Guide, RJ Secor, 1981
Oregon Rock, a Climbers Guide, Jeff Thomas, 1983
Oregon High, a Climbing Guide, Jeff Thomas, 1991 +
Climber's Guide to Smith Rock, Alan Watts, 1992 +
Summit Guide to the Cascade Volcanoes, Jeff Smoot, 1992
Selected Climbs in the Cascades, Nelson and Potterfield, 1993/
Aconcagua, A Climbing Guide, R.J. Secor, 1994
Denali Climbing Guide, RJ Secor, 1998
The Trad Guide To Joshua Tree, Charlie & Diane Winger, 2004
75 Scrambles in Oregon best non-technical ascents, Barbara I. Bond, 2005
Topos Huasteca, Hans Martinez, 2005
Thailand A Climbing Guide, Sam Lightner, 2005
Summits and Trails, Gary Yates, 2005

BOOKS ON THE CLIMBING LIFE

I Chose to Climb, Christian Bonington, 1966
Downward Bound – A Mad Guide to Rock Climbing, Warren Harding, 1975
The Next Horizon, Chris Bonington, 1976
The Games Climbers Play, editor Ken Wilson, 1978 +
A walk In the Sky, Nicholas Clinch, 1982
Seven Summits, Bass, Wells and Rick Ridgeway, 1986

Stehekin, Grant McConnell, 1988
 Eiger Dreams, John Krakauer, 1990 *
 A Climber's Life, Reinhold Messner, 1991
 Royal Robbins, Spirit of the Age, Pat Ament, 1992
 Stories Off The Wall, John Roskelley, 1993
 The Burgess Book of Lies, Adrian and Alan Burgess, 1994 (cloth) + 1998 (paper)
 Memoirs of a Mountain Guide, Lou Whittaker, 1994
 Camp 4, Recollections of a Yosemite Rock Climber, Steve Roper, 1994
 Rock Jocks, Wall Rats and Hang Dogs, John Long, 1994
 The Best of Outside Magazine, the Editors of Outside, 1997
 Escape Routes, David Roberts, 1997
 Addicted to Danger, Jim Wickwire, 1998 (hardcover), 1998 (paper)
 Touching the Void, Joe Simpson, 1998 +
 Everest: The Ultimate Hump, T. Knight, 1999 (cartoons)
 A life On The Edge, Jim Whittaker (autobiography), 1999
 A Fine Kind of Madness, Laura and Guy Waterman, 2000
 Below Another Sky, Rick Ridgeway, 2001 +
 Breaking Trail, Arlene Blum, 2005

BOOKS THAT WILL HELP YOU IMPROVE YOUR MOUNTAINEERING FITNESS

Aerobics, Major Kenneth Cooper, MD USAF, 1968 +
 The New Aerobics, Kenneth Cooper, MD, 1970
 The Complete Book of Running, James F. Fixx, 1977
 Fit or Fat, Covert Bailey, 1977 +
 The Pritikin Program of Diet and Exercise, Nathan Pritikin, 1979
 Stretching, Bob Anderson 1975 +
 Encyclopedia of Bodybuilding, Arnold Schwarzenegger, 1985 +
 A Training Guide and Programs for Cross Country Skiers, Torbjorn Karlsen, 1992 +
 Sports Endurance, Scott Tinley, 1994 +

This is a basic list of books which have been purchased over the years for the personal library of TraditionalMountaineering. I know there are glaring omissions. Some wonderful books I do not own as yet, Bradford Washburn's, Mountain Photography, for instance. The books marked with a + might be read first. The books marked with a * are included in the 2002 American Alpine Journal list called "High Praise" by David Stevenson, of fifty-two magnificent books from the first century of the American Alpine Club. --Bob Speik

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