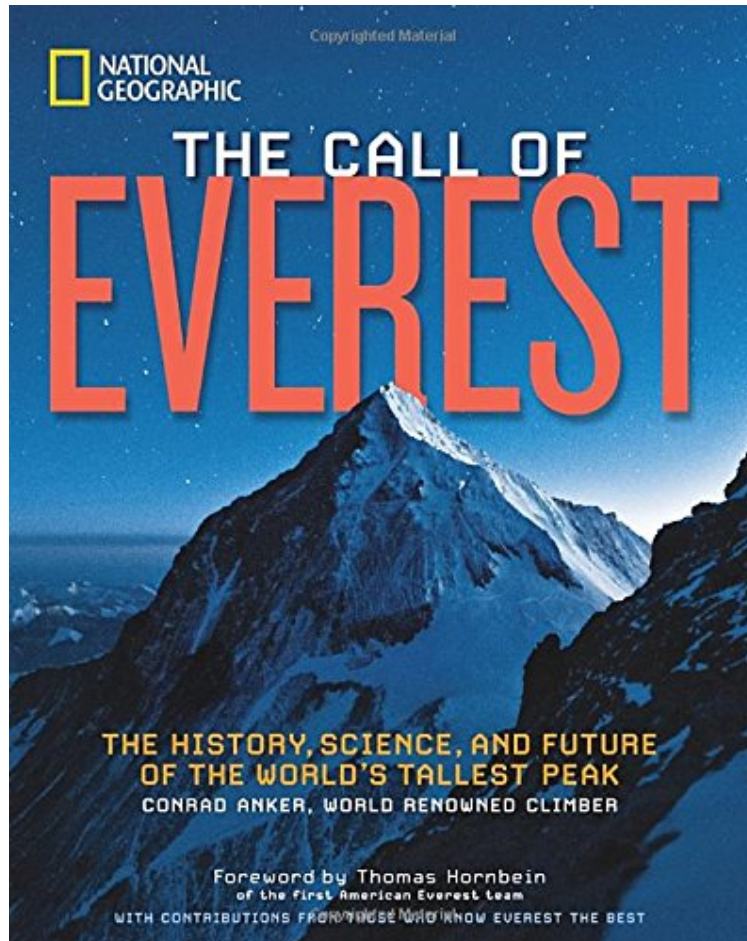


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Conrad Anker, Bernadette McDonald, David Breashears, Broughton Coburn : The Call of Everest: The History, Science, and Future of the World's Tallest Peak before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Call of Everest: The History, Science, and Future of the World's Tallest Peak:

10 of 11 people found the following review helpful. I'm a tough critic when it comes to Everest texts, but this one has earned its five gold stars. By Used to Bake I have an intense interest in Mount Everest, and have spent the past six years or so "collecting" books about the majestic mountain. I think in all, I probably have around 50 books about Everest, including a few of which I own multiple copies. In addition, I own several movies about Everest, including the spectacular IMAX film that was filmed in 1996- the deadliest season on Everest. Having read many a book on the subject of Everest, I feel I have the right to say that this book, The Call of Everest: The History, Science, and Future of

the World's Highest Peak, has to be one of the best Everest books I have purchased thus far. With spectacular photography ranging from photos taken early in Everest's tourism draw to photos taken in 2012, when the author last climbed Everest (also known as Sagarmatha and Chomolunga), this book is visually both beautiful and educational. The book contains eight chapters and an informative forward, all written by famous and influential Everest alumni and/or experts. Foreword by Thomas Hornbein Chapter 1- The Meaning of Everest, by Conrad Anker (the Everest climber who found George Mallory's body in 1999) Chapter 2- The Birth of Everest, by David Lageson (geologist) Chapter 3- The People of Everest, by Broughton Coburn (celebrated author of numerous Everest texts) Chapter 4- The Nature of Everest, by Alton Byers (National Geographic explorer) Chapter 5- The Climbers of Everest, by Bernadette McDonald (celebrated author of numerous alpinism texts) Chapter 6- The Agonies of Everest, by Bruce Johnson (professor of medicine and physiology) Chapter 7- One Season on Everest, by Mark Jenkins (mountaineering writer) Chapter 8- The Future of Everest, by David Breashears (two-time Everest summiter who directed the IMAX Everest film) In addition, there are mini-articles and editorials spread throughout the text, including pieces by:~ Julie Summers (author and historian)~ Max Lowe (son of mountaineer Alex Lowe)~ Kurt Luger (environmentalist)~ Ang Rita Sherpa (Sherpa)~ Apa Sherpa (21-time summiter and Sherpa)~ Edwin Bernbaum (climber and activist)~ Kit Deslauriers (the first woman to ski from the summit of Everest) and many more... This book is spectacular for all young adults and adults, from those who know little to nothing about Everest to those who have studied the mountain, its geology, its dangers, and its history in depth. It gives a fairly in-depth explanation of how Everest was "born," how she (the Sherpas refer to the mountain as "she") has changed physically, how she affects those who try to climb her and those who do conquer her, and how she dictates what happens in the future. One of my favorite parts of this book were the visuals that show "then" and "now," including the provisions/gear used in early exploration days (such as the provisions/gear used in 1953, when Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay first stepped onto Everest's summit, and the gear used in 1924, when George Mallory and Andrew Irvine died while trying to reach the summit) versus those used in "modern" extreme mountain climbing. Many people would probably be fascinated to see the differences in gear, documentation, education, surroundings, etc. A few more "pros" of this book include: 1) While this book does have parts that could be interpreted as having a political agenda (the subject of Everest and if it is being used as a "pawn" for the greedy has been a hot topic for many years now, as has the concern over the environmental impact tourism is having on the Himalayan region), the book as a whole is not political in nature. 2) While there are a few graphic photos, there is little "sensationalism" in this book. Some of the sensational stories are told, but they are not told in such depth that the reader feels emotionally drained after reading. 3) The wide variety of topics in the book, from history to future, from geological facts to medical facts, means there is a sprinkling of information that leaves the reader thirsty to learn more. If you are looking for a coffee-table book, a reference source, or a great nonfiction read, *The Call of Everest: The History, Science, and Future of the World's Highest Peak* is a fantastic choice. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Nice summary of history of Everest By Liz This book provides a series of chapters, each authored by a different individual, and a set of smaller excerpts all related to the mountain, Everest. Topics range from geology, to history of the Sherpa, to high-altitude physiology, to vignettes and recounting of various ascents. A few things detracted minorly from the book as a whole. What appears to be a rather obvious advertisement for north face appears in the middle of the book. The sections are written by different authors and some segments will be understood by and appeal only to those with previous expertise in the subject matter; one segment seemed to me to be full of platitudes and poorly written. Most of the book is well-written, however, and many of the photographs are gorgeous. This book should appeal to anyone with a passing interest in Everest. Serious climbers are likely to know much of the material already (although some of the lovely photographs and vignettes may be new). For those without much climbing experience this book might serve as an inspiration to begin to explore a new area of the world even if climbing Everest itself isn't on your bucket list. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wasted many whole pages with multi-colored giant sized fonts By Ron Alan Pierce It's a worthy Everest book particularly for those not very familiar with the mountain. But whoever laid this out at National Geographic wasted many whole pages with bold-faced multi-colored giant sized fonts. I found this to be a lame attempt at drama, and very annoying.

Gripping and sumptuous, this is the definitive book on the history, mystique, and science of Mount Everest, including how climate change is impacting the world's tallest mountain. In 1963, the American Mount Everest Expedition made mountaineering history. It was the first American venture to successfully scale the legendary peak and the first successful climb up the hazardous West Ridge (a climb so difficult no one has yet repeated it). In 2012, adventurer Conrad Anker led a National Geographic/The North Face team up the mountain to enact a legacy climb. Environmental changes and overcrowding led to challenges and disappointments, but yet the mountain maintains its allure. Now, steely-eyed Anker leads a team of writers in a book designed to celebrate the world's most famous mountain, to look back over the years of climbing triumphs and tragedies, and to spotlight what has changed--and what remains eternal--on Mount Everest. Telltale signs of Everest's current state, never-before-published photography, and cutting-edge science expose the world's tallest peak--its ancient meaning, its ever-present challenges, and its future

in a world of disappearing ice.

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