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### **Climbing Free**

This completely revised and updated edition with all new color photos brings together in a single volume the anchoring systems most popular among climbers. Most climbers today learn their craft on artificial climbing walls and on sport routes with fixed protection. Their first efforts to lead on trad routes often come as a rude shock--they find that they haven't the skills and training to safeguard the climb or to set up solid belays. This new edition of Climbing Anchors is the climber's complete and authoritative source of information on protection, from fundamental knots to sophisticated rigging and equalizing skills.

### **Mountaineering**

The memoirs of the woman rock climber who was the first person to accomplish a "free ascent" of the Nose on Yosemite's El Capitan describe her early days as a Hollywood stunt artist, friendships with other climbers, near-fatal eighty-foot fall, and personal strategies. Reprint. 15,000 first printing.

### **Climbing Anchors**

Glacier Mountaineering provides the knowledge and skills needed to safely and self-sufficiently navigate over glacier terrain. Hundreds of hilarious and helpful illustrations by Mike Clelland complement the clear and concise text by Andy Tyson. Providing critical instruction for anyone planning to travel over glacier country—from the Cascades to the Rockies to Denali—this book will guide and entertain readers through glacier anatomy, equipment, route finding, and rescue techniques.

### **Glacier Travel & Crevasse Rescue**

Covers everything from the basics of equipment, knots, and leave-no-trace

principles to the more advanced skills of setting up complex anchors, evaluating avalanche terrain, and developing your leadership skills.

## Rock Climbing Anchors

DOWNLOAD THREE FREE SAMPLE RECIPES FROM DIRTY GOURMET More than 120 deliciously modern recipes for day trips, car camping, and backcountry adventures Offers a fun and easy approach to planning and prepping camp food The Dirty Gourmet authors were recently featured in Sunset magazine and other national media “Dirty Gourmet” is really a lifestyle, one that celebrates delicious food, warm company, and outdoor fun. It emerged as a website and blog when friends Aimee Trudeau, Emily Nielson, and Mai-Yan Kwan joined forces to share their love of wilderness, outdoor education experiences, and knowledge of backcountry cooking through classes, workshops, catering events, and easy yet exciting recipes. Now, their new book, Dirty Gourmet: Food for Your Outdoor Adventures, extends their mission to get more people to eat well outdoors and have fun doing it! It emphasizes healthy eating with fresh ingredients, efficient techniques, and global flavors. Breakfast, trail meals, sweet and savory snacks, dinners, appetizers, side dishes, desserts, even refreshing camp drinks—it’s all here! Camp cooks can choose recipes based on the type of activity they are pursuing—from picnics, day hikes, and car camping to backcountry adventures by foot, bike, or paddle—as well as find recipes perfect for large groups. Recipes are organized by activity: Car campers can relax around the fire with Ember Roasted Baba Ghanoush and Mason Jar Sangria before diving into One Pot Pasta Puttanesca and Grilled Green Bean Salad, with Maple Syrup Dumplings for dessert. Day hikers will want to take a break on the trail with Spicy Tofu Jerky and Curried Chickpea Salad or maybe a Pressed Sandwich with Sundried Tomato Pesto. Backpackers can start their day with Fried Grits Scramble with Greens, Leeks, and Bacon and recharge in the evening with Soba Noodles with Sweet Chili Chicken and a Hibiscus Chia Cooler. To simplify packing and planning, each section offers a base kit checklist of needed supplies along with tips on getting organized, preparing ingredients, and cooking with different methods. Complemented by full-color photos, each recipe features insights from the authors, any additional tools needed, quick-reference icons, step-by-step instructions for what to prepare at home and in camp, plus creative variations.

## Extreme Alpinism

This seventh edition of Mountaineering: The Freedom of the Hills has been completely revised to reflect rapid changes in mountaineering, including the development of new techniques and the introduction of new and improved equipment. Written by experienced climbers, it maintains the high standards set by previous editions, teaching safe, time-tested techniques and emphasizing the use of sound judgement in the mountains. New chapters have been added on waterfall ice and mixed climbing, stewardship and access issues and physical conditioning for climbing. This is the definitive manual on mountaineering, recognised and used worldwide and regarded as the essential tool for all climbers.

## Mountaineering

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Where does the hard-core aspirant or dreamer turn? The only master class in print, *Extreme Alpinism* delivers an expert dose of reality and practical techniques for advanced climbers. Focusing on how top alpine climbers approach the world's most difficult routes, Twight centres his instruction on the ethos of climbing the hardest routes with the least amount of gear and the most speed.

### **Crack Climbing**

Long-distance trekking, short day trips out of town, an extended weekend escapade; the first series installment of our bestselling *Wanderlust* has it all. Experienced outdoor enthusiasts and those lacing-up their boots for their first time: prepare to hike the diverse American landscape. Whether aiming to conquer epic expeditions, or simply complete a day hike to recharge, paths of every size await the intrepid wayfarer in *Wanderlust USA*, a book that serves as a blueprint for adventurous souls in search of new summits. Stunning photography and insightful tips from veteran long-distance hiker Cam Honan bring many bucolic treks to life, including the unmissable California ancient redwoods and misty waterfalls of Yosemite Park, as well as Utah's dramatic canyons, and the Atlantic cliffs of Maine.

### **Washington Scrambles**

*Modern Mountaineering on Alpine Rock, Snow, and Ice* If your experience as a backpacker or rock climber is drawing you higher; if the cold, remote alpine environment calls you nearer, this book is for you. The *Mountaineering Handbook* will teach you the skills that will take you to the top. Even if you're already an experienced mountaineer, you'll find detailed descriptions of the newest and most effective techniques to refine and organize your methods and equipment. The *Mountaineering Handbook* isn't mired in outdated traditionalism; its new-school techniques are safer, more effective, and more fun for mountaineers at every level. With constant emphasis on light, fast, and efficient mountaineering, Craig Connally shows you how to: Move quickly up and down rock, snow, and ice with appropriate safety systems Manage mountain hazards, including rockfall, avalanche, lightning, and high-altitude illness Select the best equipment for your personal style and objectives Maintain sound nutrition and training according to the most up-to-date science Understand the human factors of mountaineering--the social and psychological forces that influence critical decisions Connally's passion for mountaineering is evident in his writing--The *Mountaineering Handbook* is clever, insightful, and entertaining. He intends to move mountaineering into the twenty-first century, but he's also determined to turn the traditional how-to book on its ear by injecting personality, humor, and thoughtfulness into every page.

### **Mountaineering**

\* The most-referenced guidebook for Idaho climbers \* Includes the trails, approaches, and access information for Idaho's peaks Whether it's a technical ascent of the great west wall of Elephants Perch or a scramble to the summit of 12,662-foot Mount Borah, here's your key to high adventure in Idaho. At each new printing, Tom Lopez has updated and expanded his encyclopedic guide to more than 800 summits. All the features that made the first edition so popular are here

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-- detailed route descriptions, difficulty ratings, summit heights, access information to hundreds of roads and trails, extensive sections on history and geology, and much, much more. You won't find a more thorough guide anywhere! Learn more about climbing in Idaho by visiting the author's website: [www.idahoacimbingguide.com](http://www.idahoacimbingguide.com).

### **The Mountain Guide Manual**

In *Training for the New Alpinism*, Steve House, world-class climber and Patagonia ambassador, and Scott Johnston, coach of U.S. National Champions and World Cup Nordic Skiers, translate training theory into practice to allow you to coach yourself to any mountaineering goal. Applying training practices from other endurance sports, House and Johnston demonstrate that following a carefully designed regimen is as effective for alpinism as it is for any other endurance sport and leads to better performance. They deliver detailed instruction on how to plan and execute training tailored to your individual circumstances. Whether you work as a banker or a mountain guide, live in the city or the country, are an ice climber, a mountaineer heading to Denali, or a veteran of 8,000-meter peaks, your understanding of how to achieve your goals grows exponentially as you work with this book. Chapters cover endurance and strength training theory and methodology, application and planning, nutrition, altitude, mental fitness, and assessing your goals and your strengths. Chapters are augmented with inspiring essays by world-renowned climbers, including Ueli Steck, Mark Twight, Peter Habeler, Voytek Kurtyka, and Will Gadd. Filled with photos, graphs, and illustrations.

### **The Crag Survival Handbook**

“The definitive guide to mountains and climbing . . .”—Conrad Anker For nearly 60 years it’s been revered as the “bible” of mountaineering—and now it’s even better than ever • The best-selling instructional text for new and intermediate climbers for more than half a century • New edition—fully updated techniques and all-new illustrations • Researched and written by a team of expert climbers

*Mountaineering: The Freedom of the Hills* is the text beloved by generations of new climbers—the standard for climbing education around the world where it has been translated into 12 languages. For the all-new 9th Edition, committees composed of active climbers and climbing educators reviewed every chapter of instruction, and discussed updates with staff from the American Alpine Club (AAC), the American Institute for Avalanche Research and Education (AIARE), and the Access Fund. They also worked with professional members of the American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA), to review their work and ensure that the updated textbook includes the most current best practices for both alpine and rock climbing instruction. From gear selection to belay and repel techniques, from glacier travel to rope work, to safety, safety, and more safety—there is no more comprehensive and thoroughly vetted training manual for climbing than the standard set by *Mountaineering: The Freedom of the Hills*, 9th Edition. Significant updates to this edition include: • New alignment with AAC’s nationwide universal belay standard • Expanded and more detailed avalanche safety info, including how to better understand avalanches, evaluate hazards, travel safely in avy terrain, and locate and rescue a fellow climber in an avalanche • Newly revamped chapters on

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clothing and camping • All-new illustrations reflecting the latest gear and techniques—created by artist John McMullen, former art director of Climbing magazine • Review of and contributions to multiple sections by AMGA-certified guides • Fresh approach to the Ten Essentials—now making the iconic list easier to recall

### **Training for the New Alpinism**

CLICK HERE to download the chapter on "Safety, Hazards & Awareness" from Crag Survival Handbook \* Climbing etiquette you won't learn at the gym but need to know \* Advice from "Rock Maestros" Justen Sjong, Kevin Jorgeson, Tommy Caldwell, Robyn Ebersfeld and experts at the Access Fund, Black Diamond, Leave No Trace, and more \* Mix of lore, how-to, humor, and entertainment — a reference book that's easy to read and makes for good campfire talk Dogs at the trailhead, belayers in lawn chairs, long lines queued up at the classics in Eldorado Canyon — the crags seem more crowded and more crazy than ever. In fact, according to the Outdoor Industry association, in the United States more than 3.6 million people participated in climbing in 2011. Many of these new climbers are entering outdoor climbing solely through rock gyms, without having the opportunity to apprentice with an experienced friend or mentor— resulting in climbing accidents and conflicts. How do you become a responsible crag citizen? Crag Survival Handbook: The Unspoken Rules of Climbing is longtime climber Matt Samet's personal handbook to becoming a member of the climbing community. While Samet discusses key skills like movement, dealing with fear, gear management, and how to fall, he also delves into crag culture: ethics, access, dealing with conflict, dogs and kids at the crags, and Leave No trace practices. Samet lays out the unspoken rules you need to know. Chapters include: \* Heads up! Safety, Hazards, and Basic Crag Awareness \* Etiquette, Access, and Impact: You're Not the Only Fish in the Aquarium \* Movement PhD: Crouch Like a Tiger, Hide Like a Dragon \* Become a Rock Ninja: Tricks of the Cragger's Trade Crag Survival Handbook guides you through the essential questions, even the questions you didn't know you had, just like a personal climbing mentor would — minute by minute, hour by hour, skill by skill.

### **Touching the Void**

Written for both beginners and advanced climbers, this revised and updated edition reflects current techniques and new and improved equipment. Four sections cover climbing and outdoor fundamentals; rock, snow, ice and alpine climbing; emergency prevention and response; and the mountain environment.

### **Mountaineering: The Freedom of the Hills, 8th Ed**

Completely revised and expanded edition of the classic text on climbing and mountaineering techniques.

### **Dirty Gourmet**

CLICK HERE to download a sample from Washington Scrambles Scrambles are for

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people who need to be on a mountain top, but don't need a rope to get there! • An out-of-print guidebook completely redone and brought back by reader demand • 80 challenging, but non-technical, ascents in Washington, plus 5 traverses Alpine scrambling is a form of nontechnical mountaineering that falls somewhere between high altitude hiking and rock climbing. Ropes and other aids typically are not needed. This new, fully revised second edition features 85 routes, including 25 all-new scrambles not in the first edition, as well as a new chapter covering five high-alpine traverses in the North Cascades. All routes are displayed on maps, many of which indicate alternative routes to the primary way up. Keep stats? Then you'll also appreciate the all-new "scramble statistics" table.

### **Mountaineering: The Freedom of the Hills**

Winter recreation in the mountains has increased steadily over the past few years, and so has the number of deaths and injuries caused by avalanches. *Staying Alive in Avalanche Terrain* covers everything you need to know to avoid trouble in avalanche terrain: what avalanches are and how they work, common myths, human activities that lead to avalanche trouble, what happens to victims when an avalanche occurs, and rescue techniques. Provides step-by-step instruction for determining avalanche hazards, using safe travel technique, and making effective rescues.

### **Mountaineering**

For 50 years, this book has been the 'bible' of the climbing world. Completely updated and revised, it defines the basics with expanded chapters on the latest developments in safety, equipment, technique, snow and glacier travel, and leadership.

### **Mountaineering**

Keep notes and drawings, and record your adventures with spaces for location, date, time to finish, difficulty, highlights, partners, and more. There is also ample space for keeping an account of your climb, trek, or the birds you've identified. Artists can use the space for drawings, while poets can create haiku or sonnets. These journals make great gifts for outdoor enthusiasts. They are rugged and inexpensive, and just what many people want in an adventure--an analog activity with no screen or battery.

### **The Push**

[CLICK HERE](#) to download the chapter called, "Anchor Basics" from *Rock Climbing Anchors* (Provide us with a little information and we'll send your download directly to your inbox) "Climbing anchors allow climbers to safely defy gravity. Solid anchors and proper rope techniques can prevent a fall from turning into a catastrophe, while bad anchors are an accident waiting to happen," says certified guide Craig Luebben, who invented his own type of climbing protection, the Big Bro. Since then, he taught rock climbing to hundreds of clients and has conducted self-rescue clinics across the United States. He distills more than twenty-five years

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of experience into Rock Climbing Anchors. This entry in the Mountaineers Outdoor Expert Series, for intermediate-to-advanced climbers, presents modern anchoring ideas and techniques for top-roping, rappelling, sport climbing, traditional rock climbing, and mountaineering—all in one comprehensive guide. Luebben covers the finer points of all types of commonly used anchors: removable anchors including hexes, wired nuts, tri-cams, expanding wedges, expandable tubes, and cams; natural anchors such as trees and boulders; and fixed anchors like bolts and pitons. Photos show a variety of gear placements, accompanied by discussion of the pros and cons of each.

### **K2, The Savage Mountain**

"If there is only one 'how to' book to read for the aspirant and expert alike, it is Freedom of the Hills. In fact, it is fair to say that Freedom is the definitive guide to mountains and climbing and has influenced pretty much every climber." -- Conrad Anker \* 50th anniversary edition of the title considered "bible" of climbing \* With nearly 1 million copies sold, this is the all-time bestselling mountaineering and climbing title \* Printed on 100% recycled paper Since the publication of the first edition in 1960, Freedom, as the book is known, has endured as a classic mountaineering text. From choosing equipment to tying a climbing knot, and from basic rappelling techniques to planning an expedition -- it's all here in this essential mountaineering reference. A team of more than 40 experts -- all active climbers and climbing educators -- reviewed, revised, and updated this compendium to reflect the latest evolutions in mountaineering equipment and techniques. Major updates include a significant new chapter on conditioning, plus detailed and extensive revisions to rescue and first-response, aid climbing, and waterfall and ice climbing.

### **Alpine Climbing**

For many years, this book has been the 'bible' of the climbing world. Completely updated and revised, it defines the basics with expanded chapters on the latest developments in safety, equipment, technique, snow and glacier travel, and leadership.

### **Rock Climbing Anchors, 2nd Edition**

\* Technical advice for traveling safely on glaciers and how to perform a rescue should the worst happen \* Sidebars provide extra lessons on techniques presented \* Large format with photographs showing the techniques discussed Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue is a comprehensive course in understanding glaciers, crossing them, avoiding crevasses, and rescuing crevasse victims. Topics covered include: how glaciers form and how crevasses develop; basic principles of glacier travel; route finding; knots and harnesses; holding a fall; rescue techniques, including self-belay and what a victim should do; and glacier skiing and sled hauling. Sidebars feature descriptions of accidents and near-accidents to emphasize the importance of the techniques presented.

### **Peak Nutrition**

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Crack climbing is a highly technical form of movement in which climbers position their hands, feet, and even their entire body in cracks to make upward progress on rock. An advocate for the sport's aesthetic lines, physicality, and technical know-how, author Pete Whittaker teaches more than sixty Crack School Masterclasses each year and was featured in the popular climbing film *Wide Boyz*. This detailed and comprehensive guide teaches step-by-step techniques and tips, including for: Jamming (finger, hand, fist, foot, arm, leg, body) Crack types (chimneys, liebacks, underclings, roof cracks) How to safely lead and place protection Efficient positioning and movement Strength recovery while climbing

### **Advanced Rock Climbing**

### **Low Gravity Days**

“The old way of climbing was systematic, methodical, and consistent. Now it's anything goes, reacting to every situation differently.” —Tommy Caldwell • For skilled climbers who want to push to the next level • Tips and advice from Tommy Caldwell, Steph Davis, Lynn Hill, Alex Honnold and more of the world's best climbers • 250 color photographs and 12 illustrations *Advanced Rock Climbing: Expert Skills and Techniques* is for good climbers who want to get even better—from training to gear, sport climbing to multi-pitch efficiency, and beyond. Each chapter has detailed advice from some of the world's best climbers and guides—Tommy Caldwell, Angela Hawse, Justen Sjong, Steph Davis, Sonny Trotter, Alex Honnold, Lynn Hill, and more. Through clear, step-by-step instruction, detailed color photographs, and hard-earned wisdom, this new guide helps strong climbers increase their speed on multi-pitch climbs, conserve energy on big faces, train for tendon strength, improvise self-rescue, and more. *Advanced Rock Climbing* is for someone who has been climbing for several years and aspires to transition from intermediate to advanced levels, experienced climbers who are stuck in a rut, and naturally talented climbers who are climbing high grades but who may not have the experience to go further safely.

### **Wanderlust USA**

### **Mountaineering**

### **No-Fat Low-Fat Thai Cookbook**

This classic's fully updated seventh edition features 415 completely new illustrations and a new glossary of terms. A new chapter has been added to meet the rising popularity of waterfall ice and mixed climbing.

### **Backcountry Skiing**

Climbing partners Maria Hines, a James Beard-awardwinning chef, and Mercedes Pollmeier, an NSCA-certified strength and conditioning specialist and Level 2

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nutritionist, decided that they'd had enough of packaged bars and goos. As a celebrated chef, Hines can make anything taste great, and Pollmeier knows the science behind exercise nutrition. On their long drives to crags an idea blossomed: write a nutrition book for mountain sports. *Peak Nutrition* details 100 simple and tasty recipes within the context of outdoor goals and body science: motivation, recovery, hydration; how our digestive system works; how food provides energy; effects of weather and altitude; the relationship between food, muscle, and cramping; how nutrition relates to mental and physical stress; and much more. The authors also explore shifting eating habits and ways to develop a healthier approach, whether bouldering, climbing, backcountry skiing, mountain biking, trekking, or trail running. "Peak Profiles" offer food tips from elite athletes such as backcountry boarder Jeremy Jones and climber Sasha Diguilian and sample menus help readers plan what to prep and pack.

### **Staying Alive in Avalanche Terrain**

#### **Mountaineering**

Written by the International Federation of Mountain Guides Association (IFMGA) certified mountain guides Marc Chauvin and Rob Coppolillo, *The Mountain Guide Manual* is the go-to reference for novice and experienced mountain guides, as well as advanced recreationalists. Covering everything from rope systems and belaying to advice on group dynamics and rescuing, the manual combines practical how-to instruction with clear graphics, illustrations, and awe-inspiring alpine imagery.

#### **Idaho, a Climbing Guide**

Seminal book updated by author of the acclaimed *Advanced Rock Climbing Easy-to-follow step-by-step instructions* 400 new color photos demonstrate techniques For this new edition of *Rock Climbing Anchors*, climber and writer Topher Donahue carefully reviewed each technique and lesson, making them even easier to understand and learn. Key updates include: Improved content hierarchy, reading efficiency, and technique emphasis Pros vs. Cons comparison lists Technological advances and changes in gear and standards Graphic illustrations of forces, movement, "right" vs. "wrong" technique, and more New section on anchor considerations for the climbing gym New distinction between "anchor" and "placement" or "piece"

#### **Mountaineering**

\* For intermediate-to-advanced backcountry skiers\* Includes trip planning, navigation, fitness, and avalanche safety information, in addition to techniques\*Provides advice on how to make well-informed backcountry decisions Martin Volken and his co-authors provide skiers with all the tools and knowledge they need to safely and successfully travel in the mountain backcountry. The guide features intermediate-to-advanced techniques for ski touring and ski mountaineering, from planning backcountry trips to perfecting turns in rolling terrain and mastering uphill climbing. For those skiers ready for a

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more technical, high alpine environment, they draw on traditional mountaineering skills, including roped climbing, setting protection anchors, using ice axes, climbing on bare rock, and more. In addition to mastering techniques, Backcountry Skiing also features information on recent evolutions in ski equipment; avalanche safety tips; a primer on mountain weather and glaciers, trip planning tools, a discussion of emergency situations, nutrition and fitness advice, and winter camping basics. Throughout this guide, a special emphasis is put on being well-informed and making good decisions - whenever you strap on your skis and skins and head out into the backcountry.

### **Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills**

All the fundamentals, from ethics to getting up the climb, are presented in this instruction book. It has been updated to reflect current standards in equipment, technique and training and provides guidance for beginners and intermediate climbers.

### **Glacier Mountaineering**

When eleven climbers died on K2 on August 1, 2008, it was a stark reminder that the world's second-highest mountain has, for more than a century, been regarded as the most difficult and dangerous of all—for 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 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.

### **Mountaineering**

The 25th Anniversary ebook, now with more than 50 images. '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 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 classic, with never before seen colour photographs taken during the trip itself.

### **The Complete Guide to Climbing and Mountaineering**

Suitable for climbers of various levels and disciplines, this work covers the skills, safety issues and equipment necessary for the key climbing disciplines: mountains, bouldering and climbing walls, summer climbing, winter climbing, big wall and expedition climbing.

### **The Mountaineering Handbook**

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\* For climbers who know the basics and are ready to venture at higher altitudes\*  
Written by longtime guides and climbing instructors certified by the American Mountain Guide Association (AMGA)\* Teaches situational thinking and learning as well as technique  
This intermediate-level guide addresses tools, skills, and techniques used in alpine terrain including rock, snow, ice, and glaciers at moderate altitude - approximately 5000 meters (16,000 feet) and lower. The technical protection systems are covered, of course. But 30 years of alpine climbing experience has convinced the authors that mastery - and safety - lie in the far more difficult task of knowing exactly which techniques to use, where and when. Therefore, they teach step-by-step decision-making skills, providing scenarios, checklists, and self-posed questions to inform the decision process. Alpine Climbing assumes some prior knowledge, primarily in rock climbing skills and techniques. Basic knots, belaying, rappelling, building rock anchors, leading, placing rock protection, and movement skills on rock: variations of these skills that are of particular value in the alpine environment are addressed in this book.

### **How to Rock Climb!**

A New York Times Bestseller A 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 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 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 Wall, after nineteen days on the route. Caldwell's odds-defying feat was the culmination of an entire lifetime of pushing 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 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 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 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 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 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.

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