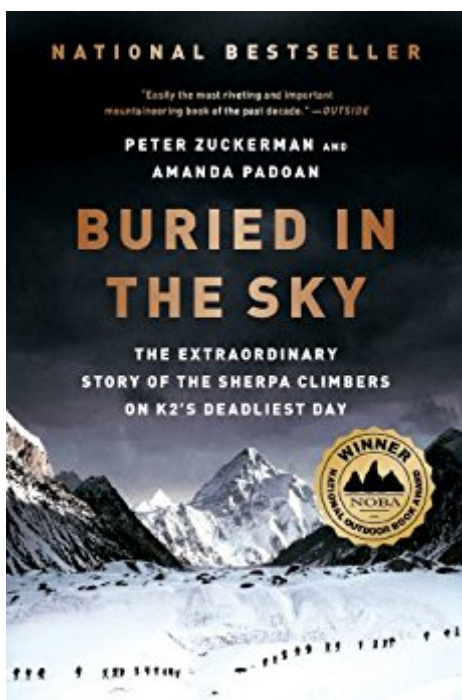


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Buried In The Sky: The Extraordinary Story Of The Sherpa Climbers On K2's Deadliest Day: The Extraordinary Story Of The Sherpa Climbers On K2's Deadliest Day



Synopsis

Winner of the National Outdoor Book Award and the Banff Mountain Book Award: "Gripping, intenseâBuried in the Sky will satisfy anyone who loved [Into Thin Air]." âKate Tuttle, Boston Globe
When eleven climbers died on K2 in 2008, two Sherpas survived. Their astonishing tale became the stuff of mountaineering legend. This white-knuckle adventure follows the Sherpas from their remote villages in Nepal to the peak of the worldâs most dangerous mountain, recounting one of the most dramatic disasters in alpine history from a fascinating new perspective. Winner of the NCTE George Orwell Award and an official selection of the American Alpine Club Book Club.

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Customer Reviews

I'm one of the few survivors of the K2 'triumph and tragedy' expedition in 2008! I wrote a book myself 'Surviving K2', i read a lot about this historical expedition. A lot of crap was written, mostly by people who have no idea or understanding what mountaineering is all about. But this book 'Buried in the Sky' surpasses my expectations. All the media attention was focused on the Western climbers.

This book describes in detail the cultural difference and importance of the Eastern climbers. On one hand we think we are living in two separated worlds, and on the other hand (especially when climbing mountains together) we are one and the same human beings. We have to face the same problems in our families when disasters happen. But the brilliant thing of this book is the accuracy and precision of the almost 4 years of research after the whole tragedy happened. Even I was surprised in details reading the story of the lives of the Sherpa's but mostly the lives of the HAP's (Pakistani High Altitude climbers). A must to read!

Great story and very well researched! The author gives a lot of details about Nepali and Sherpa culture that are not seen in other books and clearly spent a lot of time talking to people of all backgrounds rather than just focusing on the Western climbers. Well written too, I didn't want to put it down. Highly recommended for those interested in this subject matter or just want to read a good (if sad, given the outcome of this climb) nonfiction.

A very enjoyable book if you like to read about mountaineering. It is well written and well researched. I also enjoyed reading about the history and culture of the Sherpas and the HAPs.

Adventure, yes; gripping intensity, yes; a page-turner, by all means. But what I loved most about *Buried in the Sky* was: 1) the cultural backdrop and up close encounters with Sherpas, their families and communities, including in-depth insights into competing economic and political forces, spiritual beliefs and rituals of a region that is under-reported and often misunderstood; 2) the authors' skillful reveal of the many-layered web of human error, often rooted in pride and emotion-based miscalculation, that led to disaster on that fateful day. There are profound lessons here: as in the larger world today, the climbers were thrown together from afar, and the mistakes of a few, magnified by tremendous risk, could cause the demise of many.

Well written, especially the descriptions of the actual climb. I found it difficult to follow the genealogy of the Sherpas and porters. Perhaps a little too much detail leading up to the actual climb and the tragedy of that day. All in all, I really enjoyed the book. A fan of mountaineering, especially in the Himalayas, I read it cover to cover.

The mindset of thought and action and lifestyle is so alien to what other books of the backbone of these unrealistic ventures portray that it takes on a whole new meaning to slave labor

Amazing book about K2, Sherpas, and climbers. This book is very well written and makes you feel like a part of the expedition.

This is a tragedy. This I mean in the ancient sense not the "some sad things happened" sense. The innate characteristics of men and of mountains led to these deaths and grief.

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