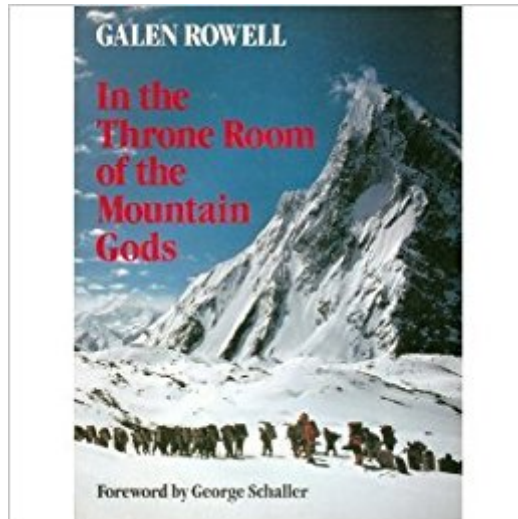




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In The Throne Room Of The Mountain Gods



Synopsis

This is the first paperback edition of the classic eyewitness account, by photo-journalist and climber Galen Rowell, of the unsuccessful 1985 American attempt to scale K2, the world's second-highest mountain peak in the Karakoram Range between China and Kashmir. Black-and-white and color photographs.

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Customer Reviews

Love this book. Purchased because my nephew has one and I wanted my own. Photos are wonderful, wish I could see this. K2 is on my bucket list of things to see,(ranked higher than Everest). Met my expectations for a used book.

love this book. Beautiful pictures and a good story.

A Classic and very difficult to find book. Very good photos and narrative. A gem.

This is a classic mountaineering book, and it is signed!! Book in great condition. Reading it now, don't want to put it down.

This book is very different from most of the many other mountaineering books I've read in that it deals openly with the group dynamics (or lack thereof) of the expedition as well as the other usual inputs. This doesn't detract at all as it presents a much more rounded view of the trip. Good climbing

parts and excellent photography and maps too. Well worth a read and a nice addition to the library.

Unfortunately, almost the entire book dealt with the "problems" and disputes between members of the climbing team, the porters, etc. As stated in the Foreword, "the book is about the personalities of those who climb" and not about the climb itself. However, Rowell's photographs are "beautiful".

This is an interesting book that describes the expedition and personal relationships during to their attempted K2 bid.

I thoroughly enjoyed this account of the 1975 American K2 Expedition. The wonderful photos and the well-written text were some of the best I've encountered in mountaineering literature. I liked how Galen Rowell interspersed his account of the expedition with earlier accounts of K2 attempts, some successful and some not. They gave an interesting insight into the history of this tough mountain and the people who have climbed it. The journal excerpts from various 1975 team members were insightful and intriguing. I am now going to start on "The Last Step" by Rick Ridgeway, about the 1978 American K2 expedition. Apparently, this team wasn't without their problems either. I found it ironic, that after all the team discussion about the possibly negative implications of having a woman (Dianne Roberts) on the team, especially the wife of the leader, that she really figured very little in the disputes and quarrels. It was also ironic that there was still a lot of dissention and miscommunication amongst the team members on the actual expedition, even after the team expelled Alex Bertulis from the original team, due to lack of confidence in his ability to be a team player. Read it, you won't be disappointed. I gave it a four because I found the first couple of chapters hard to get into. But once the '75 team is formed, it picks up quickly and then is quite hard to put down. Unfortunately, Galen Rowell, the author of this book and a well-known photographer, recently was killed in a plane crash near his home in California with his wife.

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