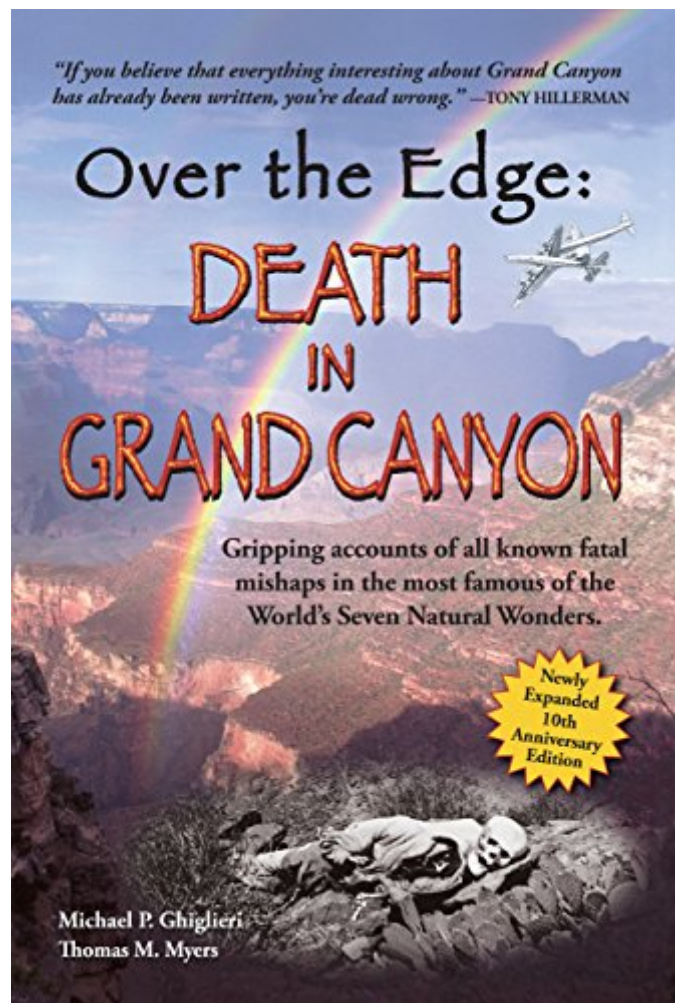




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Over The Edge: Death In Grand Canyon



Synopsis

Gripping accounts of all known fatal mishaps in the most famous of the World's Seven Natural Wonders. Two veterans of decades of adventuring in Grand Canyon chronicle the first complete and comprehensive history of Canyon misadventures. These episodes span the entire era of visitation from the time of the first river exploration by John Wesley Powell and his crew of 1869 to that of tourists falling off its rims in Y2K. These accounts of the 550 people who have met untimely deaths in the Canyon set a new high water mark for offering the most astounding array of adventures, misadventures, and life saving lessons published between any two covers. Over the Edge promises to be the most intense yet informative book on Grand Canyon ever written.

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Customer Reviews

Like most readers, I bought a copy of this book for Kindle after seeing it EVERYWHERE for sale at The Grand Canyon. After watching people taking ridiculous risks at the South Rim, I couldn't resist reading a book about all the times those risks didn't pay off. The opening sections are absorbing, covering all those rim fall deaths over the years. My only surprise, based on what we saw in our visit, was that there weren't more in this section. The book then moves through all other varieties of

death below, above, and over the rim. Some sections were more interesting than others, but for the most part, it was fascinating reading, and I found myself stopping regularly to read parts to my husband. The authors' goal is not ghoulish. It is to alert Canyon visitors to the fact that this is a dangerous place. We live in a highly protected society. People sue councils and home owners if they trip over a slight fault in a footpath. As the authors point out, this safe and largely secure environment is not The Grand Canyon. The authors state that visitors to the Canyon tend to think that they wouldn't be allowed to do the riskier things (such as the river tours) if they could get hurt. This attitude is wrong. This book is highly recommended for anyone who has visited the Canyon. Although we only visited the South Rim for the night, I was able to clearly "see" where many of the things in the book took place. I would also recommend it to anyone planning to visit The Grand Canyon, particularly if they want to hike below the rim. Forewarned is forearmed.

I saw this book in the Grand Canyon gift shop but decided that, at 564 pages, it was a bit more than I wanted to put into my carry-on bag for the trip home. However, I found it on Amazon and I am absolutely fascinated by it even though I am only part way through it at the moment. Michael P. Ghiglieri is the most amazing writer and literally takes us 'Over the Edge' with his descriptive (and sadly all too true) details of those who have met their fates at Grand Canyon. He has a real way with words and sentence structure and uses them to both inform and warn those of us who have visited and those who have this jaw-dropping Canyon on their 'bucket list', of the dangers faced in this awesome place. This amazing book contains eye-opening information for those who may want to tempt the 'Sirens', who are eager to call the ill-prepared or inexperienced hikers, climbers or walkers to their deaths. Mr. Ghiglieri warns the reader that "In nearly every death, the Canyon remains a suspicious accomplice". "The ways in which some victims have shattered their own hourglasses in the Canyon defy belief", he writes. The book uses tables containing brief victim information and dates and the tables are followed by a chapter with greater detail. Each section can be read independently so the 564 pages read like individual selections. Don't miss this book if you are planning a visit, or have already been, to one of the most awe-inspiring places on earth. Thank you Michael P. Ghiglieri and Thomas M. Myers for a truly inspiring book.

The first 2 chapters are easy reading and filled with crazy accidents. The water and air plane chapters are a little harder reading. The whole book is filled with great information for anyone visiting the Grand Canyon or especially if hiking in it.

Since we had just come back from the Grand Canyon, I wanted to read this book. Highly recommended if you plan on going there; then you cannot do what they did.

Wow, is this an interesting book! I find myself up until 2 a.m., not realizing it's that late, this is such a good book. A good subtitle would be, "Fatal Stupidity in our National Parks". While there are a few instances of small children getting killed, even those deaths are traceable to an adult doing something considered moronic since at least the 1860s. Just as I was thinking that when I went to Grand Canyon, maybe I should have done some more exploring... now I'm thinking, whoo-ee, maybe it's a good thing I stayed at the rim. And far back from the rim, at that. When I was there, I recall that there were repeated warnings to the effect that one should not plan to hike down to the river and hike back up the same day. At least one guy did it anyway, and a couple weeks later they were still looking for him. Pretty chilling, being on a tour bus where signs are posted with the guy's photo and description. These stories are all pretty much like that, except that most of the time, you find out how they ended. Most of them are pretty grisly. One moral of these stories seems to be, when the park rangers tell you something is a bad idea, or even that you are likely to get killed doing it, it's best to heed the suggestion and find something safer to do. Another moral is, if you're going to do it anyway, make sure you're properly provisioned. And the last moral is, whether you're planning something stupid or not, get the proper permits and stick to the permit itinerary so they know where to look for your body. The authors aren't great writers, but the tales are riveting just the same. I kind of think the telling would have lost something if it had been more polished.

Really informative look at how people perish in the Grand Canyon. The book covers a lot of ground, with chapters divided by cause of death (water, falls, air disasters, etc.). It's morbid reading, but well worth it if you're interested in darker topics, Grand Canyon, SAR or the outdoors (or any combination of those). Each story not only tells of a mishap or incident, it can also serve as a warning about what can happen when people make the wrong decisions while in the Grand Canyon and why everyone should heed the warning signs put up around the park. The book covers some of Grand Canyon's history, which includes very interesting stories and occurrences that historians will appreciate. It's well organized, well written and enlightening in many ways.

Not done reading it, but loving it so far. I also read Death in Big Bend, and this is along the same lines as that. Helps to learn what NOT to do when traveling in dangerous territory or the back country

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