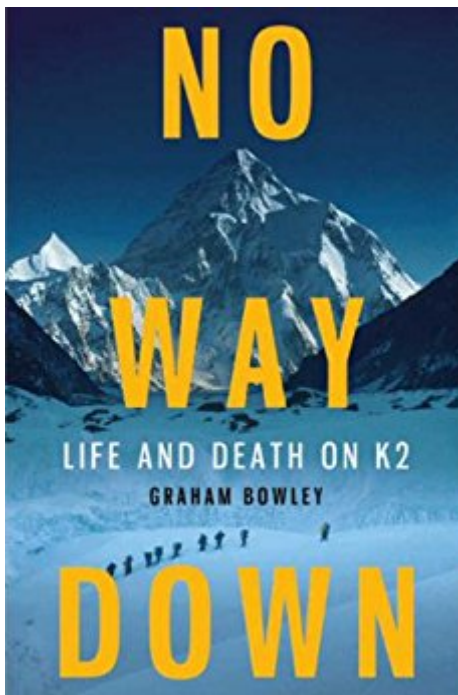


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No Way Down: Life And Death On K2



Synopsis

“No Way Down is both a gripping read and a clear-eyed investigation of the hubris, politics, and bad luck that brought on one of the worst disasters in modern mountaineering history.” Michael Kudas, author of *High Crimes: The Fate of Everest in an Age of Greed* “Graham Bowley’s No Way Down does a great job of putting you on the mountain. It is a refreshingly unadorned account of the true brutality of climbing K2, where heroes emerge and egos are stripped down, and the only thing achieving immortality is the cold ruthless mountain.” Norman Ollestad, author of *Crazy for the Storm* In the tradition of *Into Thin Air* and *Touching the Void*, *No Way Down* by New York Times reporter Graham Bowley is the harrowing account of the worst mountain climbing disaster on K2, second to Everest in height... but second to no peak in terms of danger. From tragic deaths to unbelievable stories of heroism and survival, *No Way Down* is an amazing feat of storytelling and adventure writing, and, in the words of explorer and author Sir Ranulph Fiennes, “the closest you can come to being on the summit of K2 on that fateful day.”

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Customer Reviews

This author compiled notes and slapped it together in a haphazard way. If an event happened on

the mountain, we do not know to need about his past life. Introduce his character before that. I had read the "Summit" by Pat Falvey and it much better explains the camaraderie and character of the climbers. This book jumps all over the place and if I had not read the other book, I'd have been lost. Worse, the author spends about 20% of the book on himself in a lengthy epilogue interviewing the survivors. What this man needs to learn is we don't CARE about him, we care what happened on that mountain. His writing style is good and readable. But his ability to compile the events in chronological order is terrible.

New York Times reporter Graham Bowley writes about a lethal August day in 2008 on the world's second highest peak, K2. While shorter than Mount Everest, K2 is a more difficult climb and the peak has been called "a mountaineer's mountain." Much like Jon Krakauer's "Into Thin Air," this book is a study of a disaster brought on by too many climbers, many without enough training, bad weather and repeated ice falls. In the end, 11 climbers were killed. While not a climber himself, Bowley relied on hours of interviews to put together this fascinating report on modern climbing expeditions.

A good read. It can help us understand in our limited life at home capacity the things that drive some people to live on the extremes. This book will give you an insight into some decisions that must be made at the worst of times. You have an opportunity to ask yourself "What would I do?" Be honest at that point. Some decisions you don't want to face in the real world. It's easy to be critical sitting on your couch warm and safe. Read the book.

K2 is a mysterious, terrifying and yet magnetic place, and this account of the 2008 disaster kept me turning pages into the early morning hours. The backgrounds of the men and women who risked their lives to summit, and the description of the ensuing chaos as natural events caused men-made plans to go horribly awry, make this read both inspiring and cautionary.

I have read, "Into thin air" about Mt Everest, and I enjoyed this book just as much. Even though I have no desire to mountain climb, I found this book fascinating. What these climbers went through to reach the summit and the price many of them had to pay was amazing and disturbing at the same time. Couldn't put the book down!

Really wanted to like this book but it continued to twist and turn, telling one person or group's story

then jumping to another group and another. Confusing read ... got about 1/2 way through and finally gave up without really knowing how this disaster ends. Guess I will have to google it.

This book was written by a man who is not a mountaineer, so it is without the mysticism that is so often found. It is a tale of how nine men died on an expedition to climb K2.

This book is a great story of what these climbers face and the risks involved in their aims to climb these high peaks. Words used make you feel you are there with them

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