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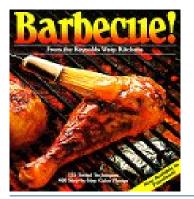
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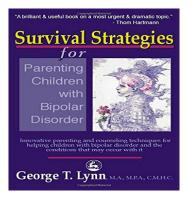
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Review 1:

This volume should be regarded as an almost essential supplement to Viesturs? No Shortcuts to the Top (2006). The impressive photographs in Himalayan Quest complement the narrative descriptions in No Shortcuts. Viesturs contends that he is just a casual photographer, and that he had to forego many great pictures in order to concentrate on climbing. Nonetheless, his file cabinets are filled with enough slides for a dozen books. From these, Viesturs selected his favorites for this book.

Himalayan Quest was published by the National Geographic Society, and reflects their customary fine work with pictorial images. All pictures are in color, and most are large format (there are 32 full page photographs, 6 page-and-a-half photographs, and 27 double-page photographs). Viesturs? pictures are presented chronologically in 12 chapters, each devoted to a particular mountain or mountains. Each chapter begins with a single page summary of the climbs it covers, and includes small diagram(s) showing the routes planned and completed on particular mountains. There is also a useful two-page map of the Himalayas.

Reproduced in this book are panoramic views of the Himalayas? awesome topography, its massive peaks and precipitous slopes, as well as climbers and porters in action, and the precarious sites on which they pitched their tents. Each photograph is accompanied by a detailed caption describing its location, the activities it shows, and identifying important peaks in the background.

Some peaks receive more attention than others. For example, two chapters (and parts of three other chapters) focus on Mt. Everest, two chapters deal with Annapurna, an entire chapter is given to Kanchenjunga and another to K2. In the years after Himalayan Quest was released, Viesturs climbed three more Himalayan peaks (Nanga Parbat, Broad Peak, and Annapurna). Thus, these later climbs are not treated in Himalayan Quest. (In No Shortcuts, Viesturs claims that snow conditions prevented him from reaching the summit of Broad Peak in 1997; but in Himalayan Quest, he reports that he reached the top of Broad Peak in 1997. Actually, Viesturs attained the summit ridge in 1997, but not the actual summit. Being somewhat of a perfectionist, he felt obliged to return six years later to conquer the few feet he did not master in 1997.)

The value of Himalayan Quest is well summarized by Jim Wickwire: ?These images convey better than any words what it is like to experience the outer limits of human endeavor.? If you want to get an idea of what it is like to climb the world?s highest peaks, check out this book.

(Amateur photographers may regret the absence of technical details regarding the equipment Viesturs used?for example, the make and model of the camera [the camera that appears in some views seems to be a Canon EOS Elan 35mm film SLR with a zoom lens], whether it had been specially prepared for cold weather operation, and the type and speed of Viesturs? film, etc.)

Review 2: ok pluse

Review 3:

The pictures are clear and beautiful, and the writing is also clear and informative. Love the book.

Review 4:

Great for a small coffee table, excellent photos.

Review 5:

Some of the most beautiful photos of the area I've ever seen, snd they were all new to me. The ice covered steep angles are terrifying. I'm hoping for a second edition by Ed with some outtakes not included in this book. Any new or unseen images of the fourteen 8000 meter peaks is something I always look forward to seeing.

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