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Recipient of the Banff Mountain Book Festival's Canadian Rockies Award The great wall of stone rising so prominently above the Trans-Canada Highway between Calgary and Banff, is the birthplace of modern rockclimbing in the Canadian Rockies. It was 50 years ago in 1952 that Hans Gmoser and Leo Grillmair first took up the challenge. Since then Yam has been the scene of both triumph and tragedy, events meticulously documented by Scott and Dornian. Gadd gives us the background; the geology and human history and ends with a walk up the backside, detailing the flora and fauna. Ways to the sky charts the evolution of alpine climbing in the United States, Canada and Mexico, from the evidence of ancient native ascents to the latest

cutting-edge climbs. Andy Selters highlights key personalities - from exploratory climbers like John Muir and Lt. August Kautz to technical maestros such as Mark Twight and Marko Prezelj - on the most demanding mountain routes. He then points readers to the mountains where they can experience firsthand many of these historically significant routes. Volume II in the classic "Cascade Alpine Guide" series features expert information on more than 300 climbing and high routes in the Cascades. This volume covers the middle of the Cascade Range, from the foothills east of Puget Sound to Lake Chelan. You'll find geographical, historical, and geological overviews of the majestic mid-Cascade Annotation This guide is considered a classic of mountaineering literature. From established ice areas such as Alpentel and Leavenworth to routes being developed (or rediscovered) around Coulee City and Wenatchee, the word is finally out: There are ample opportunities for quality ice climbing in Washington State, and here they are. Recipient of the Banff Mountain Book Festival's Canadian Rockies Award A book to be read and digested, then sampled, then read and dipped into often a fine achievement for this dedicated author Bruce Fairley, Canadian Alpine Journal HOLY SHIT WAAAAAAAAAAT A FABBBBBBULOUS TOME. Tami Knight, Illustrator/Mountaineer This important new book tells the story of Canada's 200-year mountaineering history. Through the use of stories and pictures, Chic Scott documents the evolution of climbing in Canada. He introduces us to the early mountain pioneers and the modern day climbing athletes; he takes us to the crags and the gyms, from the west coast to Québec, and from the Yukon to the Rockies. But most importantly, Scott showcases Canadian climbers-the routes that challenged them, the peaks that inspired them, their insatiable desire to climb harder, to push the limits. Begin the trek through Canada's climbing history Learn about Swiss guides hired by CPR hotels who ushered in the glory years of first ascents. Continue through to the turn of the twentieth century when British and American climbers of leisure found themselves hampered by the difficulties of travel through the Canadian wilderness. Learn about the European immigrants of the 1950s who pushed the limits on the rock walls, and the American superstars who led the search for frightening new routes on the big north faces. Be there when British expatriates pioneer an exciting new trend in world mountaineering-waterfall ice climbing. Witness the popular growth of sport climbing, both on the crags and in the gyms. Finally, enjoy the story of home-grown climbers. Initially slow to take up the challenge, both at home

and overseas, they are now leaders in the climbing world. The book that has taken tens of thousands of skiers out onto stunning, backcountry trails is now reborn in full colour for a whole new generation. Completely revised and updated, the new edition of this bestselling guidebook features over 150 trails, tours and traverses for the nordic skier in the five Rocky Mountain national parks, Kananaskis Country and neighbouring Mount Assiniboine and Mount Robson Provincial Parks. With information on snow conditions, avalanches, weather, emergency procedures, equipment, gear, clothing, supplies, huts, lodges and much more, *Ski Trails in the Canadian Rockies* is the quintessential resource for outdoor enthusiasts interested in experiencing the grandeur of western Canada's backcountry wonderland. Take a breath of fresh mountain air and feel the magic of an historical Canadian landmark in *Tales from the Canadian Rockies*. You'll meet a host of unforgettable characters like botanist David Douglas, after whom the Douglas fir is named, and geologist James Hector, whose unruly horse is forever commemorated in the names of Kicking Horse River and Pass. You'll also experience the hunger and hardships of artist Paul Kane and indomitable Mrs. Lane who waded across no fewer than 17 meltwater rivers in one day. This book tells of the larger-than-life guides, mountaineers, and adventurers that created the enduring legends and true tales of the Canadian Rockies when the wilderness was still unspoiled. *Ecology and Wonder* celebrates Western Canada's breathtaking landscape. The book makes several remarkable claims. The greatest cultural achievement in the mountain region of western Canada may be what has been preserved, not what has been developed. Protecting the spine of the Rocky Mountains will preserve crucial ecological functions. Because the process of ecosystem diminshment and species loss has been slowed, an ecological thermostat has been kept alive. This may well be an important defence against future impacts of climate change in the Canadian West. A full-colour, comprehensive scrambling guide to the increasingly popular mountain landscapes located in the northwestern reaches of the Rocky Mountains. Following in the footsteps of classic publications such as *Scrambles in the Canadian Rockies* and *More Scrambles in the Canadian Rockies*, *A Peakbagger's Guide to the Canadian Rockies: North* pulls back the curtain on the vast sea of summits from the Columbia Icefield northwards. The authors describe over 100 routes to peaks of all sizes and difficulties, from simple alpine hikes on well-defined trails, to challenging scrambles and focused alpine climbs. Routes are included for peaks in all four

corners of Jasper National Park, Willmore Wilderness Park and Mount Robson Provincial Park as well as peaks near the towns of Cadomin, Hinton, Grande Cache and Valemount. Each summit has well-described ascent and descent routes supported by stunning photographs of the majestic wilderness of the northern Rockies. Described routes range from short single-day trips to more aggressive multi-day expeditions. A Peakbagger's Guide to the Canadian Rockies has something for everyone looking to enjoy the splendour of Canada's mountains. RMB is pleased to present the third edition of *Summits and Icefields 1: Alpine Ski Tours in the Canadian Rockies*, one of our bestselling guidebooks. Researched and written by legendary alpinist Chic Scott, with the assistance of mountain guide Mark Klassen, this guidebook will continue to be the bible of ski mountaineers in the Rockies. There will be plenty of new tours in the book, particularly in newly developed areas where skiers can grab a few powder turns near the road. Information on other areas will be either greatly expanded or completely rewritten and updated. The entire book will be printed in colour, showcasing many mouthwatering ski images and destinations. Digital shaded maps prepared from satellite imagery will illustrate the routes and terrain and will allow this guidebook to set a new standard for ski guidebooks in North America. The companion volume, *Summits and Icefields 2: Alpine Ski Tours in the Columbia Mountains*, will appear in autumn 2012.

On January 20, 2003, at 10:45 a.m., a massive avalanche released from Tumbledown Mountain in the Selkirk Range of British Columbia. Tonnes of snow carried 13 members of two guided backcountry skiing groups down the 37-degree incline of a run called La Traviata and buried them. After a frantic hour of digging by remaining group members, an unthinkable outcome became reality. Seven people were dead. The tragedy made international news, splashing photos of the seven dead Canadian and US skiers on television screens and the pages of newspapers. The official analysis did not specifically note guide error as a contributing factor in the accident. This interpretation has been insufficient for some of the victims' families, the public and some members of the guiding community. Why did the guiding team seemingly ignore a particularly troublesome snowpack? Why were two groups travelling so close together? Were the guides adhering to best practices for terrain selection and snow stability evaluation? What motivated them to go there? Buried is the assistant guide's story. It renders an answerable truth about what happened by delving deep into the human factors that played into putting

people in harm's way. The story begins buried metres deep in snow, and through care-filled reflection emerges slowly like spring after a long winter, nurturing a hopeful, courageous dialogue for all who make journeys through the mountains of their life. The story illustrates the peace that comes from accountability and the growth that results from understanding. Annotation

Armed with first-hand information, Alan Kane describes over 170 scrambles in a clear, concise format. This includes equipment needed, when to go, how to get there, where to park and what to expect as you work your way to the summit. Photos showing the ascent line complement descriptions that include historical trivia, origins of placenames and summit views. Routes range from off-trail hiking suitable for strong hikers to challenging routes at the low end of technical climbing where use of specific handholds is required on steep, airy terrain. A Canadian historian and a 39-year veteran of the Warden Service collaborate on this history of the Warden Service from its formative years to the present. Covers evolving National Park philosophies and how the expanding park system, changing societal expectations, and technological change brought change to the role of the park warden. Annotation

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planet, from Otzi the Iceman to Edmund Hillary, important scientific discoveries that were made along the way, and accounts of great bravery, fellowship, altruism, and humour in the face of adversity. The ebook features fact files for over 100 famous mountaineers and stunning photography of the mountains they scaled, and contains rare artefacts that were found on their journeys, previously unpublished photographs, and specially commissioned route maps to recreate history's greatest ascents. The book also charts the development of technology, equipment, and techniques from the tweed hacking jackets and pipe-smoking of the early mountaineers to the sophisticated kit being used today. He brought glamour and imagination into the sport of mountaineering as few guides have done before him. Recalling his personality and amusing stories one should not forget that his approach to mountains was first and foremost an aesthetic one; he saw a peak first as something beautiful—the technical problem was always secondary — and nothing counted beside that vision. Of all the mountain guides who came to Canada in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Conrad Kain is probably the most respected and well known. In this internationally anticipated reissue of *Where the Clouds Can Go*—first published in 1935, with subsequent editions in 1954 and 1979—Rocky Mountain Books has accentuated the original text with an expanded selection of over 50 archival images that celebrate the accomplishments of Conrad Kain in the diverse mountain landscapes of North America, Europe and New Zealand. The new foreword by acclaimed mountaineer and filmmaker Pat Morrow puts Kain's mountaineering adventures, numerous explorations and devout appreciation of nature into a contemporary context, ensuring that the exploits of this remarkable individual will remain part of international mountain culture for years to come. To commemorate the 100th anniversary of Kain's arrival in Canada, the Conrad Kain Centennial Society was formed in 2008 to celebrate his many achievements and to develop legacy projects in his memory. This expanded edition of Kain's book will help carry his passion for mountaineering to a new generation of readers and adventurers. Ice climbing continues to grow more popular every year. Advances in equipment and technique have helped make the sport accessible to a wide variety of outdoor enthusiasts. *How to Ice Climb!* is the most complete and up-to-date reference available on the sport. Sean Isaac and Tim Banfield provide essential information for beginners and valuable tips for experts. Starting with an overview of the history of ice climbing, the authors move on to cover equipment selection, approach

strategies, avalanche safety, hazard management, movement skills, anchor systems, overhanging ice, mixed climbing, and more. All facets of ice climbing are thoroughly examined and explained. Full color photos complement the text to make *How to Ice Climb!* the most complete resource available. **LOOK INSIDE FOR:** Expert advice Tricks and techniques Full color photos Inspiration and motivation Of all the mountain guides who came to North America in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Conrad Kain is probably the most respected and well known. In this internationally anticipated reissue of "Where the Clouds Can Go" - first published in 1935, with subsequent editions in 1954 and 1979 - the original text has been accentuated with an expanded selection of over 50 archival images, highlighting climbs in the diverse mountain landscapes of North America, Europe and New Zealand. The new foreword by acclaimed mountaineer and filmmaker Pat Morrow puts Kain's adventures, explorations and appreciation of nature into a contemporary context, ensuring that the exploits of this remarkable individual remain part of international mountain culture for years to come. "Where The Clouds Can Go," the dramatic story of this uncommon man, is a mountaineering classic that shatters the boundaries of the genre.'- Bernadette McDonald, author of "Tomaz Humar" and past Vice-President of Mountain Culture at The Banff Center and former Director of The Banff Mountain Film and Book Festivals. A complete guide to Alpine Ski touring Ski mountaineering and Nordic Ski touring: Including useful information for off piste skiers and snow boarders. **THE ROUGH GUIDE TO CANADA** is the definitive handbook to this diverse country. Features include: Full-colour section introducing Canada's highlights. Detailed accounts of the big cities and small towns, from cosmopolitan Toronto and atmospheric Québec City to the Gold Rush-era relics of the Yukon. Discriminating reviews of hundreds of hotels, restaurants, bars and clubs to suit all tastes and budgets. Practical advice on a range of activities, from hiking and skiing in Banff to fishing and sailing in the Maritime Provinces. Expert background on Canada's history, wildlife and its aboriginal peoples. Maps and plans covering the entire country. This unique book celebrates and documents the incredible and colorful biodiversity of the mountain landscapes of eastern North America, covering all of the major alpine ecosystems in New England, New York, QuŽbec, Newfoundland, and Labrador. Twenty scientists, explorers, naturalists, and land managers from the United States and Canada have collaborated to create this definitive and beautiful account of the flora and

fauna of the eastern alpine tundra. Comprehensive climbing approach, route guides to Washington's Cascades. * Cascades climbing routes -- the guidebooks relied on for more than 25 years * Northwest climbing legend Fred Beckey has summited and explored hundreds of Cascade peaks * Hand-drawn maps and photos with route overlays, as well as approach information

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maps. Canadian rock climbing was born on the big flat face of Yamnuska. For more than 50 years aspiring youth and grizzled veterans have been putting up new routes on the south-facing slab that faces the sun and attracts climbers every month of the year. In the first-ever climbing guide to the Yam, you will find 115 routes described in detail and accompanied by maps and photographs. Yamnuska holds a special place in the hearts of people who seek adventure. Climbs range in grade from 5.5 through 5.12, and styles encompass the very bold to the more conservative. The cliff is steeped in history. There is a spiritual nature that is hard to explain, but many climbers have shared this feeling after a day scaling her lofty heights. Partnerships develop between friends and the mountain that can last a lifetime. The long-awaited revision of Fred Beckey's comprehensive and indispensable climbing guide is here at last. The first volume in the classic Cascade Alpine Guide series, Columbia River to Stevens Pass features expert information on more than 300 climbing and high routes, including Mount Rainier. Here you'll find geographical, historical, and geological overviews of the majestic North Cascades region, plus important tips on safety and backcountry usage and enough technical and grade information to make clear exactly what type of route you are embarking upon. The new, third edition is thoroughly revised and updated with new maps and photos, plus all the most recent resource materials. Without a doubt, this exhaustive resource should be a staple in every serious mountaineer's collection. From lush wilderness to urban adventure The Rough Guide to Canada is your definitive guide to this diverse country. The section introduces the best Canada has to offer, from cosmopolitan Toronto to the thundering Niagra and the country's spectacular natural wonders. This revised 6th edition contains insider tips and colour sections on national parks, art and architecture. The guide includes plenty of practical information on Canada's amazing array of outdoor pursuits including sailing and fishing in the Maritime Provinces and snowboarding and skiing in Banff. There are comprehensive reviews of the best places to eat, drink and stay to suit all tastes and budgets. This guide also takes a detailed look at Canada's extraordinary history, wildlife and aboriginal peoples, and comes complete with new maps and plans for every area. The Rough Guide to Canada is like having a local friend plan your trip! This new edition of Summits & Icefields 2: Alpine Ski Tours in the Columbia Mountains continues RMB's tradition of offering snow enthusiasts updated editions of our bestselling guidebooks. Researched and written by legendary

alpinist Chic Scott, with the assistance of certified mountain guide Mark Klassen, this guidebook—along with its companion volume *Summits & Icefields 1: Alpine Ski Tours in the Canadian Rockies* (RMB, 2011)—will continue to be the bibles for ski mountaineers looking to experience the winter grandeur of western Canada's mountain ranges. Completely revised and updated, this new edition will feature both classic and new tours, along with information on a variety of locations that has either been greatly expanded or freshly redone, including the ever-popular sections on Rogers Pass and the Bugaboos to Rogers Pass Traverse. With stunning, full-colour photos throughout and featuring digitally shaded maps prepared from satellite imagery, these new editions will set a unique standard for ski guidebooks in North America. Introduces the reader to the exciting world of heli-skiing and alpine adventure through the life of renowned adventurer and robust entrepreneur Hans Gmoser. Hans Gmoser (1932-2006) was the most influential mountaineer in Canada of the last fifty years. Through innovation, hard work, perseverance and an appetite for adventure, Gmoser evolved from penniless immigrant to mountain guide for kings, queens and prime ministers. He also played a major role in creating what is now western Canada's dynamic mountain adventure community. Known primarily as the inventor of heli-skiing and the founder of Canadian Mountain Holidays (CMH), Gmoser also garnered recognition as a talented rock climber, tireless expedition leader, successful mountain guide, renowned filmmaker, community organizer and vibrant businessman. Told from all aspects of his fascinating life and including some of Gmoser's own words, Chic Scott weaves together a compelling story based on the diaries, expedition journals, film commentaries and personal correspondence of this charismatic and inspiring figure. Comprehensive climbing approach, route guides to Washington's Cascades. The first professional mountain guides to be employed in North America were all Italians: Guiseppe Petigax and Lorenzo Croux of Courmeyer, Antonio Maguinaz and Andrea Pellissier of Valtournanche and Erminio Botta of Beilla, all in the retinue of Luigi Amadeo of Savoia, Duke of the Abruzzi whose successful expedition to Mount Saint Elias in 1896 became an Alaskan and mountaineering legend. The next summer, Professor H.B. Dixon followed his example and engaged Peter Sarbach to accompany him on several weeks of climbing in the "Canadian Alps". It was the obvious success of this particular act which prompted the Vaux brothers, distinguished amateur scientists of Philadelphia, to suggest again in 1898 that

the Canadian Pacific Railway should engage some Swiss guides to be available for their patrons in the mountain regions the company was seeking to exploit. This is the story of those men, who prided themselves not merely on being guides, but on being Swiss guides. These men carved out a unique niche in the royalties they both earned and gave. Their words often indicated conflict, hardship and unhappiness; but their actions were those of persons engaged in a rewarding vocation, who had found an emotional satisfaction in life that few of us are privileged to enjoy. Here then is the story of the CPR's Swiss guides as written by Andrew J. Kauffman and William L. Putnam. Over many years of mountaineering adventures in Canada, they interviewed Edward Feuz Jr., (Uncle Ed) and researched the archives for the facts and stories of which this book is composed. This is a story of mountain adventure in a newly awakening country -- western Canada -- a story which will be hard to put down once begun!

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