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Von Jim Wickwire, Dorothy Bullitt : Addicted to Danger: Affirming Life in the Face of Death (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Addicted to Danger: Affirming Life in the Face of Death (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Reasonable Action, and Annoying EgosVon Shane ScheibWhile the action kept me reading on, the depth of the

characters was lacking. Sometimes I wasn't sure if I was reading an adventure book, or a self-help guide. I can appreciate his attempt to develop the inner conflict between what he really wanted, and his sideline attempt to be a family man. However, I found it hard to sympathize much with Jim Wickwire. I finished the book thinking that the author had carried out his egotistical nature into a book to share with the world. I did not finish the book with a feeling of admiration for the sport or the climber, but with more of a disappointment. These caliber of climbers seem to be a rather dysfunctional and egotistical bunch. In that sense, I think the author failed to make his point. In a good sense, I think the author has taken a hard and perhaps humbling look at what is really important in life. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Gripping material, but told stiffly Von Ein Kunde Wickwire has had a wealth of close calls and hairy escapades, enough to fill volumes. In this work, he describes many of them. The tone of the book, however, doesn't live up to the material. I found myself frustrated with his constant on-the-mountain affirmations to quit climbing and subsequent reversals when safely back at home. I suppose this is what he means by being addicted to danger. Wickwire, however, doesn't do the reader any favors by bothering to explain WHY he swears off climbing, nor why he chooses to return to the mountains. In addition, his narratives of what should be focal points of chapters (reaching a summit, falling in a crevasse, surviving a bivvy) come off empty. I felt I could see him writing those passages in a warm easy chair with a snifter of brandy next to him, instead of on the mountain. The notable exception to this, however, comes early on, when he describes Chris Kerrabrocks' death in a crevasse on Denali. Wickwire's feelings about that event and his own miraculous survival could sum up what this book was trying to convey -- the pursuit of climbing against obvious dangers, and unspeakable tragedy. In an attempt to give too many examples of his own experiences, the reader loses sight of the significance of any one event in Wickwire's climbing career -- one of the many that could have done him in. Overall, I found myself looking forward to the next chapter while simultaneously wishing that the current one would get wrapped up. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Provocative story of passion, duty, honesty and excellence. Von Ein Kunde I am not a mountaineer. Yet I loved the book for many different reasons, any one of which would have made it immensely satisfying. I have given or recommended the book to many friends, male and female, young and old, mountain-climbers and normal folks. All are independent thinkers who speak their mind, and all gave the book superlative reviews. Dorothy Bullitt and Jim Wickwire artfully employ mountain-climbing in the most extreme conditions as a vehicle for provocatively probing human motivations, aspirations and limitations. The stories of Wickwire's adventures are gripping action thrillers, well worth the price of admission. They are set in an environment as alien and hostile as outer space, an ultimate test of human perseverance and endurance. However, there are even more compelling stories within the stories. The high altitude dramas provide the context for singularly honest inquiries and revelations about human motivations to risk everything in pursuit of ! passion. A closely-related recurrent theme is the struggle to reconcile conflict between passion and duty. The reader is implicitly invited to compare the relative virtue of wife Mary Lou, consistently committed to family and community, and husband Jim, continually torn between what he yearns to do and what he should do. Mary Lou is among the fortunate few whose passions perfectly coincide with societal norms of duty. The authors insightfully portray the complex human relationships in a community based on a shared passion with no obvious practical utility and decimated by sudden random deaths. Passages from a Marty Hoey letter and a Stimson Bullitt eulogy were elegant and profound. The authors' crisp, spare, clear, and direct prose punctuated by superb photographs are icing on the cake.

Kurzbeschreibung Adventurist Jim Wickwire has lived life on the edge -- literally. An eyewitness to glory, terror, and tragedy above 20,000 feet, he has braved bitter cold, blinding storms, and avalanches to become what the Los Angeles Times calls "one of America's most extraordinary and accomplished high-altitude mountaineers." Although his incredible exploits have inspired a feature on 60 Minutes, an award-winning PBS documentary, a Broadway play, and a full-length film, he hasn't told his remarkable story in his own words -- until now. Among the world's most intrepid and fearless climbers, Jim Wickwire has traveled the globe, from Alaska to the Alps, from the Andes to the Himalayas, in search of fresh challenges and new heights to conquer. Along the way he accumulated an extraordinary roster of historic achievements. He was one of the first two Americans to reach the summit of the 28,250-foot K2, the world's second highest peak, acknowledged as the toughest and most dangerous to climb. He completed the first alpine-style ascent of Alaska's forbidding Mt. McKinley, spending several nights without tents in snowcaves, crevasses, and open bivouacs. But with the triumphs came harrowing incidents of suffering and loss that haunt him still. On one climb, his shoulder broken by a fall, he watched helplessly as a friend slowly froze to death, trapped in an ice crevasse. Buffeted by storms, Wickwire spent two weeks utterly alone on a remote glacier before his rescue. On two other expeditions he witnessed three fellow climbers plunge thousands of feet, vanishing into the mountain mist. A successful Seattle attorney, Wickwire climbed his first mountain in 1960 and discovered the wonder of leaving behind the complexities of the civilized world for the pure life-and-death logic of granite, glacier, and snow. Deeply compelled by the allure of nature and the thrill of risk, he pushed himself to the limits of physical and mental endurance for thirty-five years, ultimately climbing into legend. After more than three decades of uncommon

challenges, Wickwire faced a crisis of heart -- a turning point that threatened his faith in himself and his hope in the future. How he reassessed his priorities and rededicated his life -- to his family and to his community -- completes a unique and moving portrait of one man's courage, commitment, and grace under pressure. Addicted to Danger is a tale of adventure in its truest sense..deIn 1978 Jim Wickwire became the first American to top 28,250-foot K2, the second highest peak after Mt. Everest (for some, his solo bivouac near the summit the same night is an even greater feat). But it is a previous expedition to K2 three years earlier--and the author's unflinching assessment of that trip--which sets the tone for the book. "K2, the mountain that would one day represent my greatest success," he writes, "was in 1975 the scene of my greatest failure. It was a failure not because someone died or suffered a serious injury, but because my obsession to reach the summit helped doom our expedition to disappointment, discord, and, for a time, disgrace." Wickwire's memoir of a climbing life is riveting when he sticks to the mountains--including attempts on Everest, Denali, and Aconcagua--and particularly fascinating for its candid look at the internal machinations of big-time climbing expeditions: the planning, logistics, and training as well as the egos and rivalries that can derail an expedition. The lugubrious details are also here. More than one climbing partner doesn't escape from a crevasse, but it is a price exacted by the mountains, and Wickwire treats both his lost friends and the terrain with due respect..comIn 1978 Jim Wickwire became the first American to top 28,250-foot K2, the second highest peak after Mt. Everest (for some, his solo bivouac near the summit the same night is an even greater feat). But it is a previous expedition to K2 three years earlier--and the author's unflinching assessment of that trip--which sets the tone for the book. "K2, the mountain that would one day represent my greatest success," he writes, "was in 1975 the scene of my greatest failure. It was a failure not because someone died or suffered a serious injury, but because my obsession to reach the summit helped doom our expedition to disappointment, discord, and, for a time, disgrace." Wickwire's memoir of a climbing life is riveting when he sticks to the mountains--including attempts on Everest, Denali, and Aconcagua--and particularly fascinating for its candid look at the internal machinations of big-time climbing expeditions: the planning, logistics, and training as well as the egos and rivalries that can derail an expedition. The lugubrious details are also here. More than one climbing partner doesn't escape from a crevasse, but it is a price exacted by the mountains, and Wickwire treats both his lost friends and the terrain with due respect.