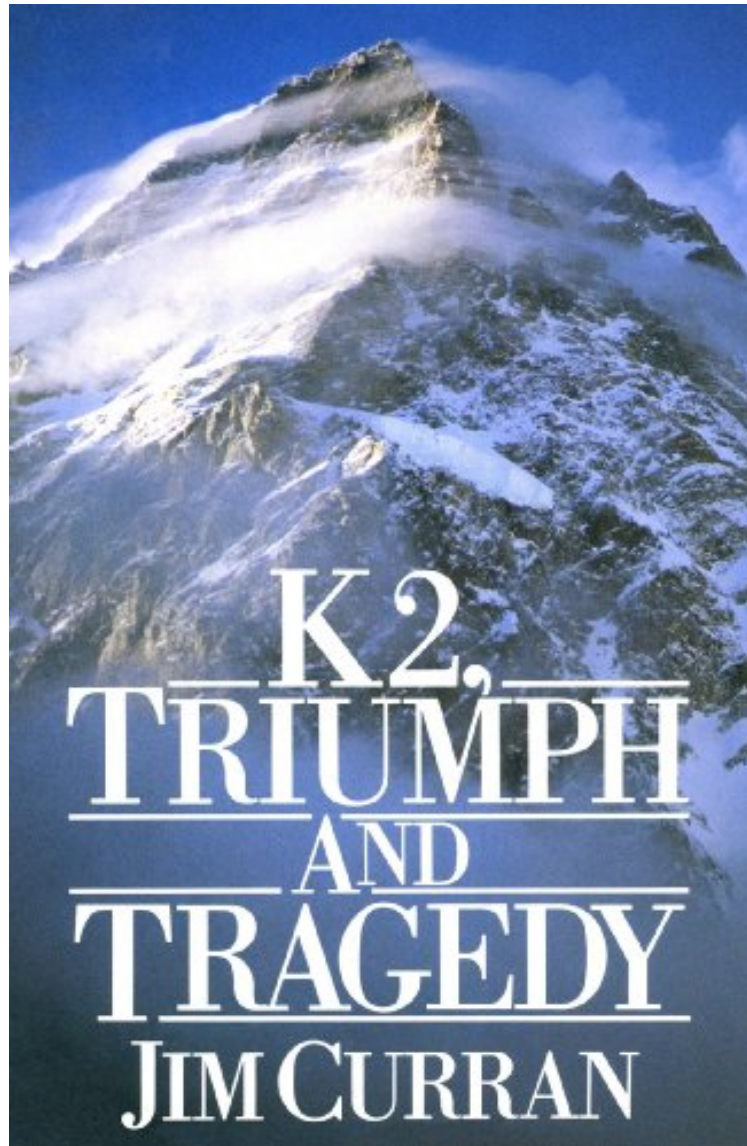


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Von Jim Curran : K2: Triumph And Tragedy (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised K2: Triumph And Tragedy (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. ET TU...K2?Von lawyeraault is summer...1986. Twenty seven climbers triumph at the K2 summit. Thirteen climbers die in their quest to conquer K2. Therein lies the tale.The author, a photographer who calls himself a climber, though that is debatable, attempts to make sense of the events that unfolded on the mountain that summer. Relying upon the

anecdotes and narratives of others, as well as his own personal observations, he tries to put the events into perspective, even though he has no first hand knowledge of what transpired up on the mountain, for the most part. Although he was there, he rarely ventured past base camp. The book does make for an interesting read, as we look at events as they unfold before the author. It is amazing that with all the tragedies that seemed to occur at almost every turn, the climbers still kept climbing, never losing sight of their quest. At times this singlemindedness on the part of the climbers comes across as somewhat meglomaniacal. The author is very candid in his commentary throughout the book and, surprisingly, he does not hesitate to speak ill of the dead. His candor, while somewhat disturbing, is refreshing, and it is interesting to find out that the gods do, indeed, have clay feet.² von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. well written about what really happened at K2 in 1986 Von Ein Kunde This book is so engaging that I could not stop reading it even for one day. Right after I was finished with the first time reading, I had to start reading it one more time again, more carefully. This book is believed by me to surely and definitely provide sufficient satisfaction to all interested in mountaineering and/or the "white world", Hymalaya. Of course, for more detailed explanations about each expedition's or each climber's tragedy, other individual books should be sought. Considering all, this book has succeeded in describing generally most of the events during one summer, in the order of time This book is about what really happened at K2 during the whole summer of the year 1986. To a great surprise, during only one season as many as 13 climbers lost their deaths at K2 during their descents or summit bids. The figure itself, 13, has contributed greatly to the fact that overall K2 is undoubtedly the most difficult and perilous mountain to climb all over the world. Still, the probability of survival at K2 is the lowest among all the 8,000 meter peaks. The book is composed of three parts : the mountain, the vigil and the reckoning. Reading is becoming more and more interesting and gripping towards the end. The author, Jim Curran, both the climber and the photographer, is thought to be in the good, if not the best, position to record all the tragic accidents during the summer. He had stayed most of the time at the Base Camps, which, including his roles, made him able to be in constantly close contact with most of, if not all, the expeditions, most of the happenings and the other relevant facts. In order to be generally informed of 1986's tragedies at K2, one must not miss this book. The probable causes and effects of all deaths are both well and briefly written on the last part, "the reckoning". I am now feeling something like hollow in my heart, so two times reading is finished.² von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Reality Check Von Ein Kunde I enjoyed this book very much, and highly recommend it to any adventure reader. As a beginning climber, it was more realistic than most climbing books. It focused on the bad and the good, where most books leave you feeling you are glad to be safely at sea level. This book is loaded with fatalities, but also with hopes and dreams, and day to day life at Base Camp. Instead of saying, "what are you thinking?" to myself after reading this book, I found myself thinking, "There are risks, and rewards. Let's go climb mountains." It didn't hurt that a friend was filling my head with tales of his successful trek to Denali at the same time I was reading this either. It is a great book, much more like being there than the many others I have read.

Kurzbeschreibung K2 is the second highest mountain in the world, at 8611 metres only a couple of hundred metres lower than Everest. It is one of the most unrelenting and testing of the worlds 8000-metre peaks. Jim Curran came to K2 as a climbing cameraman with an unsuccessful British expedition, but stayed on through the climbing season. This is his account of the dramatic events of that summer, a story of ambitions both achieved and thwarted on a mountain which all high-altitude climbers take the most pride in overcoming. In 1986 K2 took its toll of those ambitions. Curran vividly describes the moments that contribute to the exhilaration of climbing on the world's most demanding mountain, and he assesses the tragedy of that summer with compassion and impartiality..de Before the 1996 Everest disaster made that mountain synonymous with tragedy at 8,000 meters, there was K2. More technical in most routes than Everest, the world's second-highest peak is considered the ultimate achievement by many mountaineers. In 1986 K2 claimed the lives of 13 climbers in nine different parties attempting its summit. Author Jim Curran was on the mountain during the ordeal, and through narrative and photographs, Curran documents the sagas of success, failure, and tragedy in a fateful year that captured the world's attention. Alongside the terror of avalanches, crevasses, and horrific storms are stories of bravery and the indomitable human spirit. Pressestimmen "A monument not only to human will and endurance but to the inscrutable vastness of the great white mountain itself." The New York Times "A gripping story that belongs with the classics of mountaineering." Publishers Weekly "Engagingly written and beautifully illustrated." Library Journal