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Powerful... a breath of firm, sometimes bitter clarity... Boukreev did the only thing that denies the void. He took action. He chose danger, and he saved lives. - The New York Times Book Review Boukreev heroically saved several climbers from certain death ... [The Climb] gives an excellent account of the May 1996 disaster. -Chicago Tribune Compelling ... [The Climb] has a ring of authenticity that challenges the slick written Into Thin Air. -Minneapolis Star Tribune Provocative ... compelling reading, both as an adventure and a spiritual reckoning. - The New Mexican Boukreev acted with extraordinary heroism ... [In The Climb] first-person anecdotes, plus excerpts from recorded base-camp interviews, are expertly crafted by coauthor G. Weston DeWalt. - Rock & Ice Magazine De Boukreev who emerges from this book is a thoughtful, eloquent, even poetic man whose philosophy of life and mountaineering was unique to him. — Ed Viestiers, in The Will to Climb Anatoli Boukreev was one of the world's leading high climbers. Twenty-one times he went to the top of the world's highest mountains. For his heroic actions on Mount Everest in May 1996, he received the American Alpine Club's highest award, the David A. Sowles Memorial Award. He died in an avalanche while climbing in Nepal on December 25, 1997.G. Weston DeWalt is a writer and documentary maker whose work has been broadcast on PBS. He divides his time between Santa Fe, New Mexico and London. St. Martin's Griffin In May 1996 a number of expeditions attempted to climb Mount Everest on the Southeast Ridge route. Each group included world-class climbers and relative beginners, some of whom had paid tens of thousands of pounds for the climb. As they approached the summit, twenty-three men and women, including the expedition leaders, were caught in a ferocious snowstorm. Disoriented, out of oxygen and exhausted from the delivered, the climbers struggled to find their way to safety. Experienced high-altitude guide Anatoli Boukreev led an exhausted and terrified group of climbers back to safety before returning to the blizzard to help others stranded on the mountain. Saving a number of people from certain deaths, he turned into a hero. The climb of Anatoli Boukreev is an honest and poignant account of real endurance and includes interviews with most of the surviving climbers, medical staff, Sherpa guides, and families of the dead who experienced the tragedy. This edition also includes the transcript of the Mountain Madness debriefing, recorded five days after the tragedy, as well as G. Weston de Walt's response to Jon Krakauer. The Climb Author Anatoli Boukreev G. Weston DeWaltCountryUnited KingdomLanguageEnglishSubject1996 Everest DisasterGenreNon-fictionPublisherSt. Martin's PressPublication dateJune 28, 1997Media The Climb (1997), republished as The Climb: Tragic Ambitions on Everest, is an account of Russian-Kazakh mountaineer Anatoli Anatoli of the 1996 Everest Disaster, in which eight climbers died on the mountain. [1] The co-author, G. Weston DeWalt, who was not part of the expedition, offers accounts of other climbers and connects the story of Boukreev's logbook. Background The book is also partly a response to Jon Krakauer's account of the same Everest climb from 1996 in his book Into Thin Air (1997), which seemed to criticize some of Boukreev's actions during the climb. [2] After the Climb was published, DeWalt generated many public criticisms at Krakauer regarding the accuracy of each man's account of what happened on the mountain during the 1996 climbs. Krakauer describes the differences, and his rapprochement with Boukreev, in the postscript of the 1999 edition of Into Thin Air. [2] Boukreev was killed in 1997 in an avalanche during an Annapurna winter climb in Nepal. Reception A reviewer from Publishers Weekly noted Like Into Thin Air, Jon Krakauer's bestselling chronicle of the same expedition, this account is a poignant account of the Mountain Madness group's bid to reach the top of the world's highest peak, one that combines Boukreev's first memories and DeWalt's interviews with team members. But Boukreev and DeWalt, a freelance journalist, also offer a look at the everyday tasks associated with climbing, such as obtaining the necessary permits and equipment, and taking the reader through the complex preparations needed to scale the mountain, including the creation of various camps and the acclimatization process needed for climbers to adapt to higher heights. [3] A reviewer of Kirkus Reviews stated "Mountain guide Boukreev recounts his version of the events of the May 1996 Mt. Everest disaster, in which five climbers died, in an attempt to clear his name of damning accusations in Jon Krakauer's bestseller Into Thin Air. Boukreev is known in climbing circles as a good, tough, experienced guide, not particularly handsome or given to spoiling the customers, but completely reliable, especially in tight situations. [4] See also Books and films about the Everest disaster of 1996 After the Wind (2014), a book by Lou Kasischke. Left for Dead: My Journey Home from Everest (2000), a 1997 tv movie. Everest (1998 film), an IMAX documentary film. Everest (2015 film), a feature film "Into Thin Air", a book by Jon Krakauer Other similar films Vertical Limit Lists List of media relating to Mount Everest List of people who died climbing Mount Everest Notes ^ The Climb: Tragic Ambitions on Everest by Anatoli Boukreev, G. Weston DeWalt. Good reading. goodreads.com. Picked up on October 9, 2015. ^ a b Author's postscript, the 1999 edition of Into Thin Air ^ The Climb: Tragic Ambitions on Everest. Publishers Weekly. Picked up October 7, 2018. ^ THE CLIMB: Ambitions on Mt. Everest by Anatoli Boukreev & G. Weston DeWalt. Kirkus Reviews. Picked up October 7, 2018. Placed Back If the 1996 Everest disaster is the most famous mountaineering tragedy in history behind the deaths of Mallory and Irvine, it is so probably due to the efforts of one man - Jon Krakauer, with his article and book about the tragedy. In thin air. in that book Krakauer describes the tragedy that happened to the climbers on May 10, 1996 from his point of view as a climber in the Adventure Consultants team. 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The Climb is Boukreev's version of events - given his lack of command of English, the book is really written by DeWalt, with liberal dosings of Boukreev's quotes framing the story - and in many ways, gives a more complete picture of the tragedy than Krakauer's work. Both Scott Fischer and Anatoli Boukreev were mountain junkies - their whole lives were based on climbing the great peaks of the world, and trying to fund their next adventure. Fischer, a charismatic American and great climber, looked at Rob Hall's successful business model with Adventure Consultants and thought he could replicate that success himself, by creating a company guiding people to big climbs. 1996 was the first time he had tried to do it on Everest, and when he ran Boukreev in Kathmandu, he jumped at the chance to hire him. Boukreev, who made his last few dollars, easily agreed. At the time it seemed like a win-win situation for both of them - Boukreev climbed up and got paid for doing so, and Fischer could advertise his climb as having a head guide who was a true veteran of 8000 meter peaks. What quickly becomes clear when the pages of The Climb roll is that while Fischer may have been a great climber, he wasn't a great leader. It seems that at no point did he sit with Boukreev or his other guides and go into detail about how they would handle the peak - and he ignored Boukreev's advice on acclimatization to height for the customers. It also seems that he hated confrontation, and hated to say no, so some of the climbers who were on the on May 9, there shouldn't really be, because of their lack of fitness. The logistics of the expedition were also far from optimal - they barely had enough oxygen for all the people on the mountain, and the plan to establish lines to the was never acted upon. From the armchair point of view, the whole Mountain Madness setup seems to have been a disaster waiting to happen. Boukreev was concerned about the suitability of the customers from the beginning, and never before supervised, was unsure of what was actually required of him, something Fischer never seemed to explain. Fischer himself was not in top shape for the climb, he was exhausted, a fact that he covered as much as he could. On the day of the top attempt, he sent Boukreev and his other guide Neal Beidleman up the mountain at the head of their team, while Fischer himself would sweep at the back. The idea was, apparently, that everyone Fischer passed on his sweep would be flipped over and sent back down, as if he passed them meant it would take them too long to go ahead and get it back safely (before their oxygen run out). This was a good idea in theory - in practice it was a disaster because Fischer was so weak and slow that he didn't catch up to even the slowest Mountain Madness climbers. The other massive mistake was that neither Boukreev nor Beidleman had radios, so Fischer couldn't communicate with them at all. The result was that most climbers were too late for safety. Boukreev was first to the top, but even he didn't reach the summit until around 1.30pm because he was delayed because the ropes to the top were not set up as organized beforehand, so he and Beidleman had to do most of it. In 1996, the generally accepted idea was that the last time for topping was 2pm. Most Mountain Madness customers topped out well after that, and Fischer didn't leave the top until after 4. By then, Boukreev was on his way down. He had spoken to Fischer when they finally crossed paths, and they agreed that Boukreev would go to Camp IV, because many climbers would run out of oxygen before they went down, and he would have to bring some cylinders and help in general. Then the storm hit. Soon whiteout conditions reached the top of the mountain, with customers and guides spread from the South Summit to the balcony, and to the South Col itself. There were many heroic actions that night, with Boukreev's continued sorties from Camp IV bringing back climbers not the least of them. In fact his actions won him (along with Pete Athans and Todd Burleson) the David A. Sowles Memorial Award for bravery. In total, Boukreev personally saved three people that night. The next day he climbed to the South Summit to try to save Scott Fischer, who had spent the night there, but found him out for help. Tragically Boukreev was killed on Annapurna in 1997. With all the controversy that has surrounded the 1996 Everest season, a few things are made clear by Boukreev's book. Scott Fischer did not give good leadership to his clients or his guides. Boukreev did not understand how he adapted to the expedition - how much he could take on behalf of Fischer or the customers, and whether he could order customers or Sherpas to do what he asked - which which perhaps a criticism of both Boukreev and Fischer. The logistics of the Mountain Madness activities above Camp IV were not well organized. All Mountain Madness expedition members, with the exception of Fischer, survived and got down the mountain without serious injuries. The edition I read (see above) has over 100 pages of additional material, mostly rebuttals from Krakauer, and a transcript of the recorded debriefing of the Mountain Madness team that took place at Base Camp on May 15, 1996. This is fascinating reading, and gives quite an insight into the inner characters of some of the team. 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