



Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster

Jon Krakauer

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster

Jon Krakauer

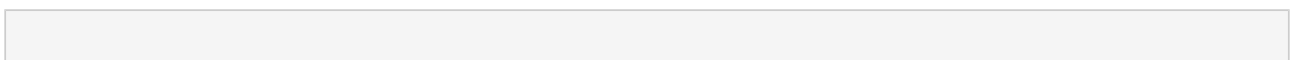
Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster Jon Krakauer
National Bestseller

A bank of clouds was assembling on the not-so-distant horizon, but journalist-mountaineer Jon Krakauer, standing on the summit of Mt. Everest, saw nothing that "suggested that a murderous storm was bearing down." He was wrong. The storm, which claimed five lives and left countless more--including Krakauer's--in guilt-ridden disarray, would also provide the impetus for **Into Thin Air**, Krakauer's epic account of the May 1996 disaster.

By writing **Into Thin Air**, Krakauer may have hoped to exorcise some of his own demons and lay to rest some of the painful questions that still surround the event. He takes great pains to provide a balanced picture of the people and events he witnessed and gives due credit to the tireless and dedicated Sherpas. He also avoids blasting easy targets such as Sandy Pittman, the wealthy socialite who brought an espresso maker along on the expedition. Krakauer's highly personal inquiry into the catastrophe provides a great deal of insight into what went wrong. But for Krakauer himself, further interviews and investigations only lead him to the conclusion that his perceived failures were directly responsible for a fellow climber's death. Clearly, Krakauer remains haunted by the disaster, and although he relates a number of incidents in which he acted selflessly and even heroically, he seems unable to view those instances objectively. In the end, despite his evenhanded and even generous assessment of others' actions, he reserves a full measure of vitriol for himself.

This updated trade paperback edition of **Into Thin Air** includes an extensive new postscript that sheds fascinating light on the acrimonious debate that flared between Krakauer and Everest guide Anatoli Boukreev in the wake of the tragedy. "I have no doubt that Boukreev's intentions were good on summit day," writes Krakauer in the postscript, dated August 1999. "What disturbs me, though, was Boukreev's refusal to acknowledge the possibility that he made even a single poor decision. Never did he indicate that perhaps it wasn't the best choice to climb without gas or go down ahead of his clients." As usual, Krakauer supports his points with dogged research and a good dose of humility. But rather than continue the heated discourse that has raged since **Into Thin Air**'s denouncement of guide Boukreev, Krakauer's tone is conciliatory; he points most of his criticism at G. Weston De Walt, who coauthored **The Climb**, Boukreev's version of events. And in a touching conclusion, Krakauer recounts his last conversation with the late Boukreev, in which the two weathered climbers agreed to disagree about certain points. Krakauer had great hopes to patch things up with Boukreev, but the Russian later died in an avalanche on another Himalayan peak, Annapurna I.

In 1999, Krakauer received an Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters--a prestigious prize intended "to honor writers of exceptional accomplishment." According to the Academy's citation, "Krakauer combines the tenacity and courage of the finest tradition of investigative journalism with the stylish subtlety and profound insight of the born writer. His account of an ascent of Mount Everest has led to a general reevaluation of climbing and of the commercialization of what was once a romantic, solitary sport; while his account of the life and death of Christopher McCandless, who died of starvation after challenging the Alaskan wilderness, delves even more deeply and disturbingly into the fascination of nature and the devastating effects of its lure on a young and curious mind."



 [Download Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Eve ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Eve ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster Jon Krakauer

From reader reviews:

Julian Loredó:

Reading a book can be one of a lot of task that everyone in the world enjoys. Do you like reading book therefore. There are a lot of reasons why people like it. First reading a guide will give you a lot of new details. When you read a book you will get new information due to the fact book is one of various ways to share the information or perhaps their idea. Second, reading a book will make you more imaginative. When you reading a book especially tale fantasy book the author will bring you to definitely imagine the story how the character types do it anything. Third, it is possible to share your knowledge to other folks. When you read this Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster, you could tells your family, friends along with soon about yours guide. Your knowledge can inspire different ones, make them reading a publication.

Roger Cooper:

Do you have something that that suits you such as book? The guide lovers usually prefer to pick book like comic, brief story and the biggest some may be novel. Now, why not hoping Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster that give your enjoyment preference will be satisfied by reading this book. Reading behavior all over the world can be said as the method for people to know world considerably better then how they react to the world. It can't be stated constantly that reading practice only for the geeky individual but for all of you who wants to always be success person. So , for all of you who want to start reading through as your good habit, it is possible to pick Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster become your starter.

Rodney Natale:

Your reading 6th sense will not betray you actually, why because this Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster e-book written by well-known writer we are excited for well how to make book which can be understand by anyone who else read the book. Written with good manner for you, still dripping wet every ideas and writing skill only for eliminate your own personal hunger then you still uncertainty Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster as good book but not only by the cover but also through the content. This is one guide that can break don't assess book by its handle, so do you still needing another sixth sense to pick this!? Oh come on your examining sixth sense already said so why you have to listening to one more sixth sense.

Glenn Connelly:

A number of people said that they feel bored stiff when they reading a guide. They are directly felt that when they get a half portions of the book. You can choose the book Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster to make your own personal reading is interesting. Your personal skill of reading talent is developing when you such as reading. Try to choose straightforward book to make you enjoy you just read it

and mingle the opinion about book and examining especially. It is to be initial opinion for you to like to available a book and examine it. Beside that the book Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster can to be your brand new friend when you're sense alone and confuse in what must you're doing of their time.

Download and Read Online Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster Jon Krakauer #JZT19NP4I5V

Read Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster by Jon Krakauer for online ebook

Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster by Jon Krakauer Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster by Jon Krakauer books to read online.

Online Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster by Jon Krakauer ebook PDF download

Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster by Jon Krakauer Doc

Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster by Jon Krakauer Mobipocket

Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster by Jon Krakauer EPub