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Surviving two days in the Death Zone

In the summer of 2008 the 'Norit K2 expedition' climbed without additional oxygen the 8611 meter high peak of K2 in Pakistan. During the descent the expedition turned from triumph to tragedy. One of the biggest tragedy's in mountain climbing history. Statistically every quarter 'conqueror' will die on the "Killer Mountain". In 2008 11 climbers lost their life. The news was going over the whole world from CNN, Al-Jazeera, Sky News, BBC, New York Times etc.

Wilco van Rooijen, the Dutch expedition leader has been missing for three days and give up by the outside world. On his last strength he came back a life out of the 'Death Zone'. The 'Norit K2' Expedition 2008 paid a high price. What exactly took place that August 1, 2008? How could this tragedy have taken place?

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R.P. Bosman says

Overleven op de K2 is het fascinerende ooggetuigenverslag van een van de weinige beroepsavonturiers die Nederland rijk is!

Een op de vijf bergbeklimmers die de top van de K2 probeert te halen, overleeft dat avontuur niet. Toch probeerden zeventien klimmers uit verschillende internationale teams in augustus 2008 deze gevaarlijke berg te beklimmen. Een team met daarin de Nederlanders Wilco van Rooijen en Cas van de Gevel behaalde de top, met expedietiegenoten Gerard McDonnell, een Ier, en Pemba Gyalje Sherpa, een Nepalees. Terwijl zij zich opmaakten voor de afdaling voltrok zich een ramp.

David F Hetue says

Maybe I missed something...

After going a bit over 20 percent I just did not feel I was getting a feel for what was required to make the climb. Maps, diagrams might have helped. Lots of spelling and grammar--Made me wonder if this was for real. I was really looking for an exciting story. Just was not getting there.

Charlotte says

Spannend, intrigerend en angstaanjagend verhaal over een zeer gevaarlijke klimonderneming. Geen groot schrijver m.i. maar je wilt wel doorlezen, vooral omdat het zo ongelooflijk is wat mensen voor gevaren opzoeken en aankunnen en niet aankunnen.

Nigel says

This is the third book I've read about the events on K2 in the 2008 season and its disaster and I would certainly recommend this to anyone interested in this type of climbing book. However I would equally recommend reading some of the other available books before this one to get a real overview of the situation on K2 - something that is lacking in this narrative. As others have said this is a somewhat disjointed book which at times changes time and place with little flagging.

It is quite obviously written by someone for whom English is not their first language. This makes for some perfectly correct sentences in some senses but they can seem quite odd to a native English speaker. However where I would really recommend this book is for Wilco's description of his descent from K2 - for this part of the book the narrative is very simple and very direct and all the more powerful for the simplicity of the English - a very powerful climbing narrative for this part of the book.

Vicki says

Very difficult to maintain interest in this book -- managed 17% according to my kindle. It reads like a personal journal that has been translated so the grammar is sometimes off and the narrative is slow. Having read other books about the 2008 expedition on K2, I know it was a terrifying and tragic year. However, I never felt invested in the story reading this book so I decided to move onto others.

Frans Reitsma says

Fascinerend hoe je helemaal niet stilstaat bij het feit dat het beklimmen van een berg een project van een aantal maanden is. Op de 1 of andere manier dacht ik dat je wachtte op het juiste moment en dan naar boven klom. Lees dit boek en je weet dat het verhaal anders is.

Jyl says

How do you rate a book about a mans survival of a mountain that claims 1 out of 4 people that climb it. I learned so much about the process of ascending this great mountain, the mental and physical strength of the climbers, the dangers and tragedies that climbers face, some history of climbing and what is in the head of a man that climbed and survived K2. Great read.

danni smith says

Tragic

This book is a very personal story about the Elite climbing world..the "8000-ers"..Much of it described in painfully honest words .It details primarily the Authors-own experiences with K2 and his journey to finally summit..but equally important he pays homage with deep respect to comrades who lost life doing what they loved. I was moved by the story, I found myself gripped with fear as the Author struggled to find his way out of a seemingly hopeless and life-threatening situation.

Still I found myself constantly referring to a dictionary to decipher certain terms or words used in that elite world of climbers...then again I suppose this book was written for these brave people who cannot resist the pull of these mighty peaks, as it should be.

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Mikmakkie says

Aangrijpend, een mens is amper opgewassen tegen het natuurgeweld van de K2

Kathleen says

This is the story of Wilco's 3rd attempt at climbing K2 in 2008. He includes excerpts of his previous two attempts which I think is helpful to understand his obsession to summit "The Savage Mountain."

Lance says

While I usually enjoy books on climbs on large mountains, this one didn't have that same feeling of adventure and danger that I usually feel when I read this type of book. It can't be the climb as it was filled with treacherous moments, but the narrative just didn't capture my imagination. It was an okay read, but not terribly as gripping as a topic like this normally can be.

Piet says

Fascinating but for an outsider, it is clear that climbing such a mountain is Russian roulette. You have to be in perfect shape and master of your skill, but then it is the mountain that decides whether you make it or not. Still some of the decisions taken on the mountain surprise me given those odds, like going to the top and building some of your return strategies on the hope that... Which is given the environment of k2 sure that it will go wrong. But heroes they are.

Monique says

After reaching the top of the K2 in 2008, Wilco got lost on his way back down and was missing for 3 days. He managed to get back to a base camp and survived. Sadly 11 climbers who were climbing with him, died on the Killer Mountain.

A good and moving book. Knowing that 1/4 of the climbers will die on the mountain makes me wonder why someone wants to climb it.

Marilyn Rhea says

This was a solid book. It provided a lot of background information on what exactly is involved in climbing K2. It reads well and the story flows nicely. There were 100 climbers that lost their lives in 2008 in their attempt to conquer this mountain. I wish there had been a little bit more offered on the individuals and the trials they faced, and also

the mistakes that were made, that resulted in this tragic loss of life. I would recommend this to anyone that likes to read about people trying to achieve seemingly impossible goals.

Tommie Kennedy says

Excelent book!

I have read many many books on mountain climbing, and this is one of the very best. Would recommend it to any and all who are interested in the subject. You won't be able to put the book down once you start reading it.
