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Right Mate, Let's Get On With It



Synopsis

Right Mate, Let's Get On With It explores the outrageous accomplishments and inner workings of one of the most powerful rope teams in mountaineering history -- the partnership of Australian Andrew Lindblade and Kiwi Athol Whimp. Together, they climbed some of the most difficult, dangerous, and beautiful mountains in the world -- among them Jannu and Thalay Sagar, vertiginous Himalayan summits that make Mount Everest look like a bump. Tragically, Athol Whimp died in a fall in the mountains of New Zealand in early 2012. Right Mate, Let's Get On With It was originally published in the June, 2004 issue of Climbing (No. 321), and veteran mountaineer and author Gregory Crouch has updated and eReleased the story in Athol's honor with Andrew Lindblade's cooperation and nineteen of his best photos. Originally intended for a climbing audience, this eVersion includes a glossary explaining climbing jargon so non-climbers can better appreciate these amazing men.

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Customer Reviews

Caveat emptor: I was author Crouch's original editor on this. That said, I have to say this is my

favorite of his many fine works for the climbing magazines, regardless of my involvement. Crouch prefaces the piece with a climbing dictionary, which the lay person will find useful, but not disruptive. His clear, incisive look into the heart of Whimp and Lindblade's partnership needs little translation, however, as it transcends the milieu of climbing and addresses the duo's instinctual bond -- one that even the most accomplished and prolific adventurers often never find -- at a higher level. It's a pleasure to read this piece once more, and to see the addition of many photos absent from the original publication.

I read quite a lot of climbing books just to understand what motivates these people. I think of myself as an adventure person, but would not do most of what climbers do. This was a well written short story and would encourage others to read it if you like me, wish to know more about this lifestyle.

I really enjoyed the incredible exploits told in this book. It is a fitting tribute to Athol Whimp who died in a fall while climbing in New Zealand in 2012. Short book, but at \$0.99 on Kindle, a must read for people interested in climbing. There are many photos on mountains around the world.

This is mountaineering writing at its best, giving the reader vivid descriptions of some of the jaw-dropping climbs made by two world-class climbers, Andrew Lindblade and Athol Whimp. Most of all, it gets to the heart of what made these two tick as a team and the extraordinary friendship that existed between them. Thank you, Greg, for e-publishing this with the touching epilogue and thank you, Andy, for sharing the beautiful photographs of your times with Athol.

I loved this story. You can feel the strength of the bond between these two individuals so well described. I felt like I was freezing when THEY were freezing. I could feel their pain, smell them, see them and taste their victories and their failures. It is rare that an author can get your head so far into the depth of human pain and accomplishment. I hope everyone can read this and then want to have a closeness that this author portrays!

While climbing is central to the story, one does not have to be a climber to understand or appreciate the tale. This story is about two climbers, and the team that they became while conquering some of the most challenging mountains in the world. Crouch does a superb job of letting the reader see and understand the kind of friendship that can grow between two people under circumstances most of us will never experience. A great read.

I found the reading tedious. Not particularly interesting. I'm not a mountain climber but wanted to understand more what goes on in the mind of someone who suffers and spends a great deal of money and risks life and limb just to get to a top of a hill and back down in one piece. I found myself questioning spending money on this type of pursuit when so many in the world need money for food and medicine.

It's amazing how some people are born with a desire to knowingly put themselves in danger, and not only accept it, but to excel and achieve some really great results. Good quick read, leaves you wanting more.

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