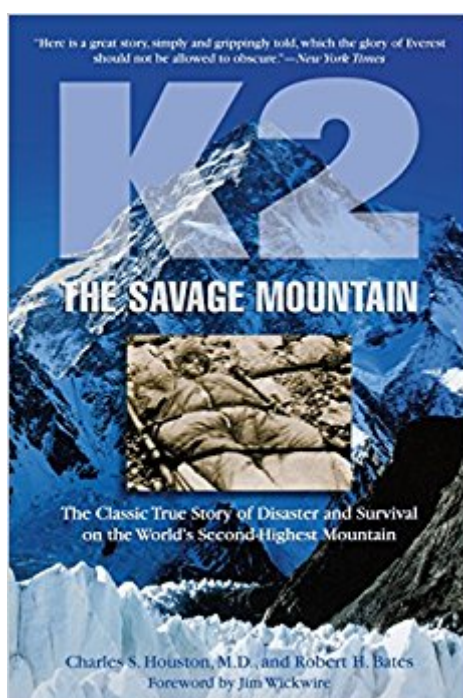


The book was found

# K2, The Savage Mountain: The Classic True Story Of Disaster And Survival On The World's Second-Highest Mountain



## Synopsis

When eleven climbers died on K2 on August 1, 2008, it was a stark reminder that the world's second-highest mountain has, for more than a century, been regarded as the most difficult and dangerous of all. For every four people who reach the top, one dies in the attempt. *K2, The Savage Mountain* tells the dramatic story of the 1953 American expedition, led by Charles S. Houston, when a combination of terrible storms and illness stopped the team short of the 28,251-foot summit. Then on the descent, tragedy struck, and how the climbers made it back to safety is renowned in the annals of climbing. *K2, The Savage Mountain* captures this sensational tale with an unmatched power that has earned this book its place as one of the classics of mountaineering literature.

## Book Information

Paperback: 208 pages

Publisher: Lyons Press (December 16, 2008)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1599216086

ISBN-13: 978-1599216089

Product Dimensions: 0.5 x 6 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 13.6 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars 29 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #610,676 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #62 in [Books > History > Asia > Pakistan](#) #706 in [Books > Sports & Outdoors > Mountaineering > Mountain Climbing](#) #3039 in [Books > Sports & Outdoors > Nature Travel > Adventure](#)

## Customer Reviews

Houston and Bates were the first Americans to climb K2, the world's second highest mountain peak. Such an endeavor is remarkably dangerous even now, but reading of the use of equipment as simple as woolen mittens, canvas and wood packs, etc., illustrates the bravery or perhaps foolhardiness of such an undertaking then. *Five Miles High* covers their first climb in 1938 (this account was published a year later), while *1954's K2* chronicles the 1953 climb, which proved far more difficult. Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

"Houston and Bates were the first Americans to climb K2, the world's second highest mountain

peak. Such an endeavor is remarkably dangerous even now, but reading of the use of equipment as simple as woolen mittens, canvas and wood packs, etc., illustrates the bravery--or perhaps foolhardiness--of such an undertaking then. Five Miles High covers their first climb in 1938 (this account was published a year later), while 1954's K2 chronicles the 1953 climb, which proved far more difficult." --Library Journal "Here is a great story, simply and grippingly told, which the glory of Everest should not be allowed to obscure." --New York Times

This radio transmission sums up the indomitable spirit of the Third American Karakoram Expedition, the story of which is told in K2 The Savage Mountain. The entire team had been stormbound for almost a week at 25,500 feet. Unable to move, without supplementary oxygen, they clung to their tiny outcropping while the wind and snow raged around their tents. It was only a matter of time before disaster struck, and it did in the form of Art Gilkey's pulmonary embolism. It was clear that he would have to be carried down the face of the world's second largest and most dangerous mountain in a raging storm. And the others themselves were fighting to survive. And so the message was sent - "All of us are weaker, but morale is very high". This is a classic story of great adventure, survival, heroism and honor. Told with humility and vintage understatement, it grips the reader, imparting a hopeful message of human possibilities. You'll be hard pressed to put it down.

I enjoyed this book. It seems to give a realistic view of what it is like to climb one of the world's toughest mountains. I understand that a book cannot give one the complete experience of trying to climb K2, but this book goes into detail and gives some good insight into the process of climbing in high altitude. I admire the mountaineers that attempt these dangerous mountains.

It is a great story about friendship and life. I was amazed about the skills and the logistics available in that time (1953). The story is great, and it's going both through spiritual part and technical part of the climb. It is an inspiring book for those who like adventure. My personal favourite quote from the book: "When men climb on a great mountain together, the rope between them is more than a mere physical aid to the ascent; it is a symbol of the spirit of the enterprise. It is a symbol of men banded together in a common effort of will and strength - not against this or that imagined foe of the instant, but against their only true enemies: inertia, cowardice, greed, ignorance, and all weaknesses of the spirit"

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I am an arm chair mountaineer who has read a lot of books about

mountain climbing. I always wanted to know more about the famous American attempt of K2 that tried to bring Art Gilkey down the mountain. Great book. Really enjoyed it.

Loved this inspirational book. I haven't shut up about it since I finished the book. So they didn't get to the summit, but what a wonderful team. Very refreshing to read how they did things back in 1953. Brilliant! A good, common sense approach to health, friendship, loyalty and decency.

A 1953 climb still translates in 2002. This is a detailed account cowritten by two of the climbers and is very detailed including the long walk in. I was surprised how little mountain climbing had changed although it did appear distances traveled daily were less as they required 8 campsites to get to the peak. I find books on mountaineering expeditions very interesting although the climbs themselves contain long periods of boredom. This expedition is no different as a brutal storm stops the climbers just short of the summit. The book does a great job detailing how high altitude can effect a climber's body. One of the writers was a doctor. Needless to say, the long, unforgiving storm takes it's toll on the men placing them in ultimate peril. Getting down from the high altitude, steep face carrying a wounded member led to the most incredible living disaster I have ever read. Well, living for most of the climbers. Read this book for adventure and historical climbing perspective.

Great book!

This is a story of travel, human endeavor and adventure from a bygone era. The optimism and attitude of these post WW2 climbers and their Pakistani colleagues and assistants brings a much needed perspective to mountaineering today. The style may be unfamiliar to some readers, but the story is definitely worth it.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

K2, The Savage Mountain: The Classic True Story Of Disaster And Survival On The World's Second-Highest Mountain Survival: Survival Guide: Survival Skills, Survival Tools, & Survival Tactics. Emergency Prepping, & Surviving A Disaster! (First Aid, Survival Skills, Emergency ... Medicine, Bushcraft, Home Defense Book 1) The Ascent of Denali: A Narrative of the First Complete Ascent of the Highest Peak in North America (Mount Mckinley : a Narrative of the First Complete Ascent of the Highest Peak in North America) The True Peruvian Route: An ascent of Aconcagua, South America's highest mountain (Footsteps on the Mountain travel diaries Book 14) K2: Savage Mountain, Savage Summer SHTF Prepping: The Proven Insider Secrets For Survival,

Doomsday and Disaster Preparedness (Prepper, Guide, Manual, Natural Disaster, Recovery, Catastrophe, ... Meltdown, Collapse, Emergency Book 1) The Everest Politics Show: Sorrow and strife on the world's highest mountain (Footsteps on the Mountain Travel Diaries) The Savage World of Solomon Kane (Savage Worlds; S2P10400) The Ultimate Survival Guide for Beginners: The Best Tactics And Tips To Survive Urban And Wilderness Disasters (Survival Guide, Survival for Beginners, Survival books) SURVIVAL: Survival Pantry: A Prepper's Guide to Storing Food and Water (Survival Pantry, Canning and Preserving, Prepper's Pantry, Canning, Prepping for Survival) A Beginner's Urban Survival Prepping Guide: Basic Urban Self Defense Guide And Survival Tips in the Prepping Urban Environment(The Prepper's Urban survival ... A Beginner's Urban Survival Prepping True Ghost Stories And Hauntings: Eerie True Paranormal Hauntings, Unexplained Phenomena And Disturbing True Ghost Stories (True Ghost Stories, Bizarre True Stories,) Amazing World of Gumball Original Graphic Novel: Recipe for Disaster: Recipe for Disaster (The Amazing World of Gumball) A Storm Too Soon: A True Story of Disaster, Survival and an Incredible Rescue Fatal Forecast: An Incredible True Story of Disaster and Survival at Sea The Storm of the Century: Tragedy, Heroism, Survival, and the Epic True Story of America's Deadliest Natural Disaster: The Great Gulf Hurricane of 1900 Emperors of the Ice: A True Story of Disaster and Survival in the Antarctic, 1910-13 Last Man Off: A True Story of Disaster and Survival on the Antarctic Seas Epic: Stories of Survival from the World's Highest Peaks To the Top! Climbing the World's Highest Mountain (Step-Into-Reading, Step 5)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)