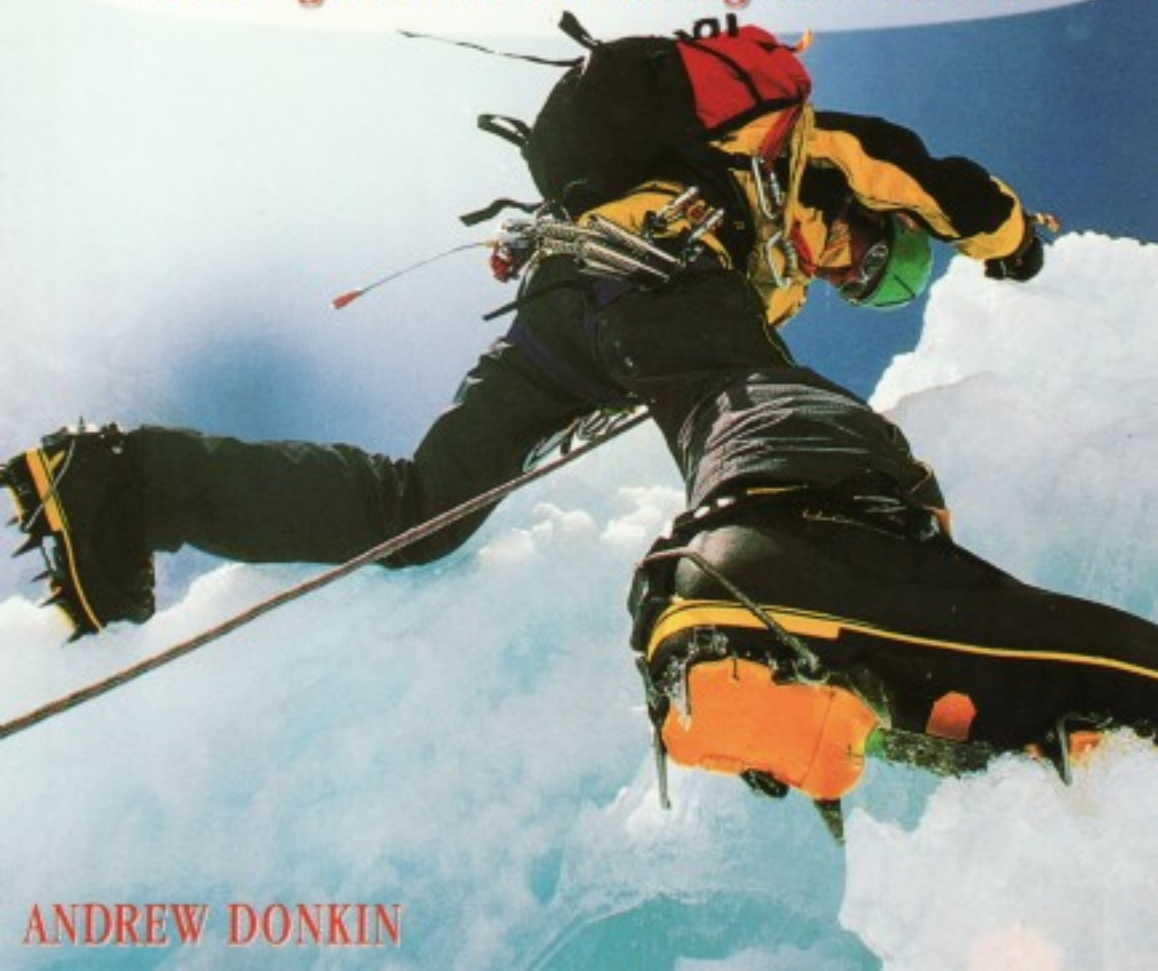


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DANGER *on the* *Mountain*

Scaling the World's Highest Peaks



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Avalanches

Loud noises or movement can cause huge blocks of snow to sweep down mountainsides. The sheer weight of snow can also cause avalanches.

Snow blindness

At great heights, the sun is very strong. As it beats down on the white snow, the glare created can literally blind people.

Mountain wonder

The world's highest mountains have always fascinated people. Ancient civilizations believed their snow-capped peaks were the homes of gods. Only in the last century have the highest peaks been explored and climbed.

Mountaineering is very exciting but also dangerous. Killer rockfalls and sweeping avalanches are constant threats.



When scaling the highest peaks, climbers are prepared to risk mountain sickness, snow blindness, and frostbite. But the sheer excitement, sense of team spirit, and feeling of accomplishment outweigh any physical discomfort they experience.

In this book, you'll read some of the most exciting and courageous stories from the world of mountaineering. ❖



Mountain sickness

As you climb higher there is less oxygen in the air, causing headaches, dizziness, blurred vision, and exhaustion. This is known as mountain sickness.





George Mallory

A former school teacher, Mallory visited Everest in 1921 and soon became obsessed with reaching its summit.

Scouting ahead

Mallory was a member of the British team that scouted Everest in 1921. The team returned in 1922 and two members climbed to within 1,740 ft (527 m) of the top before bad weather drove them back.

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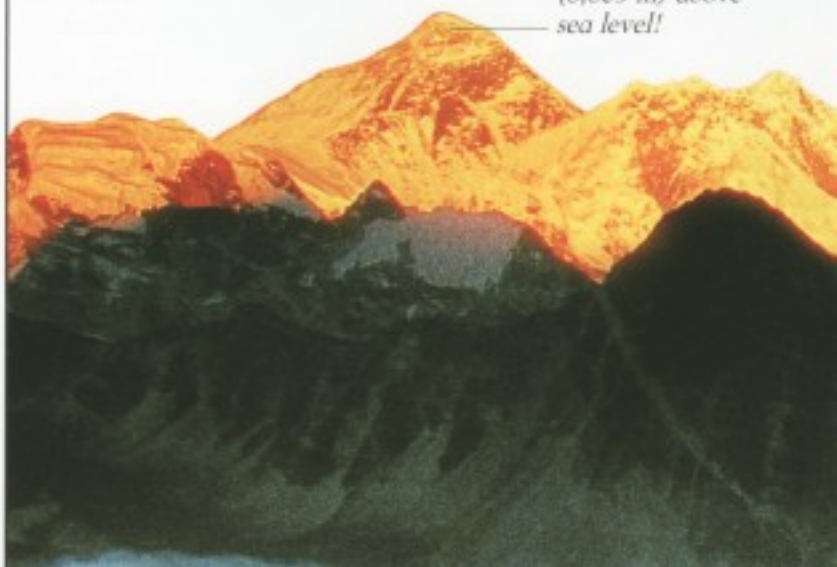
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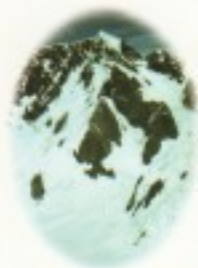
Experienced mountaineer George Mallory looked up at the huge expanse of snow and rock filling the horizon. Mount Everest rose high up into the clouds. He was back.

Mallory had tried to climb Everest before, but terrible blizzards and exhaustion had beaten him. This time he was determined to reach the summit.

Mount Everest is 29,050 ft (8,803 m) above sea level!



From blizzards and glaciers on the world's highest peaks to the challenge of free climbing, there is danger on the mountains!



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