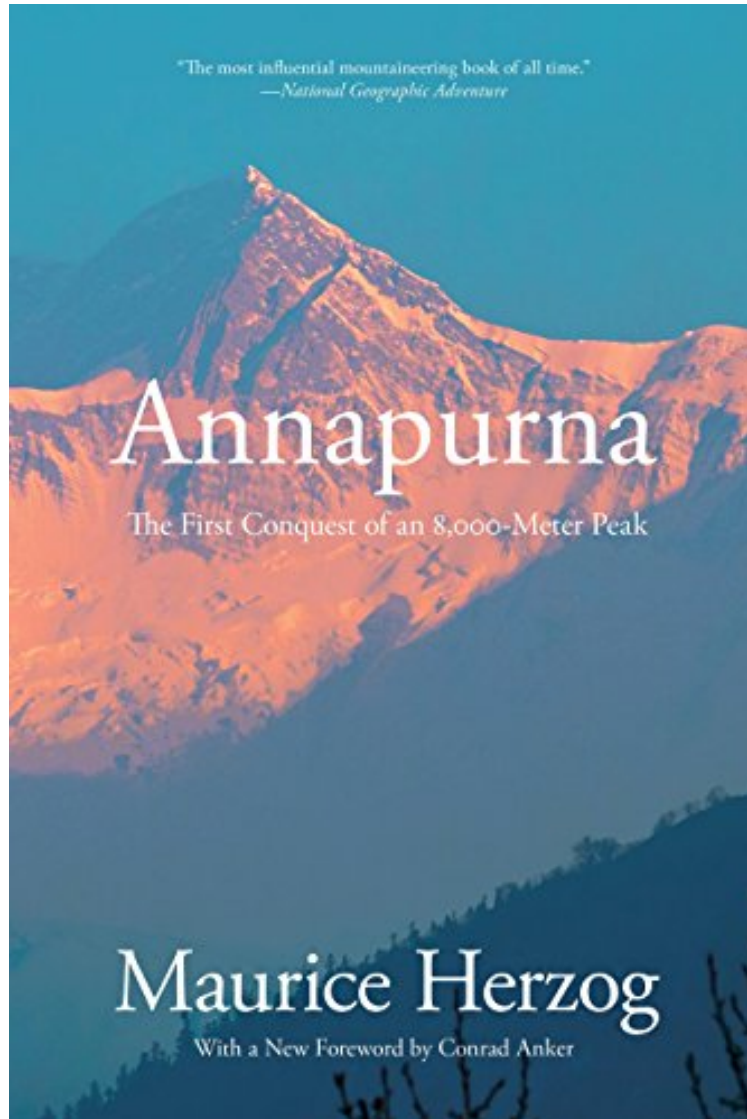


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8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Epic Adventure Frech expedition climb first 8000M peak. trouble, dangerous,frostbite amputationsBy Thomas EricksonI love true adventure stories. Annapurna is a true adventure story of a French 1950 mountain climbing expedition. Two of their members are the first to reach the summit of a 8000M peak. Unheard of, many thought it could not be done. Annapurna is the epic book that influenced ED Vestures when

he was a boy toward his mountain climbing greatness (climbed all 13 8000M peaks with no supplemental oxygen...all his books 5 star see my reviews). Annapurna is 278 pages of great adventure and lots of action. No boring parts. I read it in 3 days. Here's a tidbit of the book to wet your appetite. A group of some of the greatest mountain climbers is assembled with a great doctor/surgeon Oudot, and support people for the expedition. Local loyal helpers/guides called Sherpas and Coolies to help carry the heavy loads are hired. The leaders Sahibs have as their expedition leader Maurice Herzog. Herzog is seen as brave but sensibly cautious and uses lots of scouting of different routes. A higher mountain was originally thought OK to climb but it is found too dangerous at this time. Scouting more through glaciers around impassable ridges, a hidden valley a route to Annapurna is found. Already they are experiencing bad weather and are in a race with time as Monsoon rains are coming soon. Some routes are found to be no good. Lots of dangers, crevasses, and avalanches. Five ascending camps are set up. The expedition is rapidly breaking down due to health problems. Herzog and Louise Lachenal make it to the top. All expedition members helped and team work was great. A lot of unselfish people. However Herzog loses his gloves and develops frostbite of the fingers and toes. Lachenal has frostbite of the toes and heal. Some of the others have snow blindness and injuries. The expedition physically is a mess They must hurry to a lower camp for the doctor Oudot to try to save them. Gangrene has set in. Toes and fingers must be amputated. There is a great chapter of the expedition's passage from Nepal to India and meeting the Maharajah in his palace. I won't say too much more and ruin the book for you. Anyone loving true adventure stories and human endurance against incredible obstacles will love this book. This book was the one that many great climbers got their inspiration from. 5 stars and proudly added to our family library. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Terrific By Steve Hallsey I purchased this book after summiting Mt. Rainier with Ed Viesturs. Ed told me, during our climb, this was the book that inspired him to dedicate his life to mountaineering and becoming the first American to summit all 14 of the 8,000K summits in the world without supplemental oxygen. Being a novice mountaineer myself, I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. I found the book to be well written and extremely thoughtful. Today, when most mountaineering books are written as "tell-all" accounts of an expedition, I found this book to be refreshing because it was more about the experience of conquering the mountain than it was about airing dirty laundry about the participants. This particular climb still amazes me, because this team of explorers summited Annapurna (an extremely difficult and demanding mountain) on their first attempt. This book is about courage, determination, perseverance and dedication. This is a must read if you are the least bit interested in mountaineering. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. exciting but dated By Agnes M Very well written, lots of adventure. I have had to keep in mind that it was written more than 50 years ago, because some of the cultural aspects are disturbing to someone from 2016--the native people are definitely 2nd class and taken advantage of, but that is the reality of history. There is nothing about interpersonal conflicts within the group, but lots of battling the elements, and rather nasty frostbite operations.

Top 100 Sports Books of All Time, Sports Illustrated Those who have never seen the Himalayas, those who never care to risk an assault, will know when they finish this book that they have been a companion of greatness. New York Times Book Review In 1950, when no mountain taller than 8,000 meters had ever been climbed, Maurice Herzog led an expedition of French climbers to the summit of an 8,075-meter (26,493-foot) Himalayan peak called Annapurna. But unlike other climbs, the routes up Annapurna had never been charted. Herzog and his team had to locate the mountain using crude maps, pick out a single untried route, and go for the summit. Annapurna is the unforgettable account of this heroic climb and of its harrowing aftermath, including a nightmare descent of frostbite, snow blindness, and near death. Herzog's masterful narrative is one of the great mountain-adventure stories of all time. This new edition due for publication shortly before the sixtieth anniversary of the Annapurna ascent on June 3, 2010 will feature a new foreword by Conrad Anker.

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