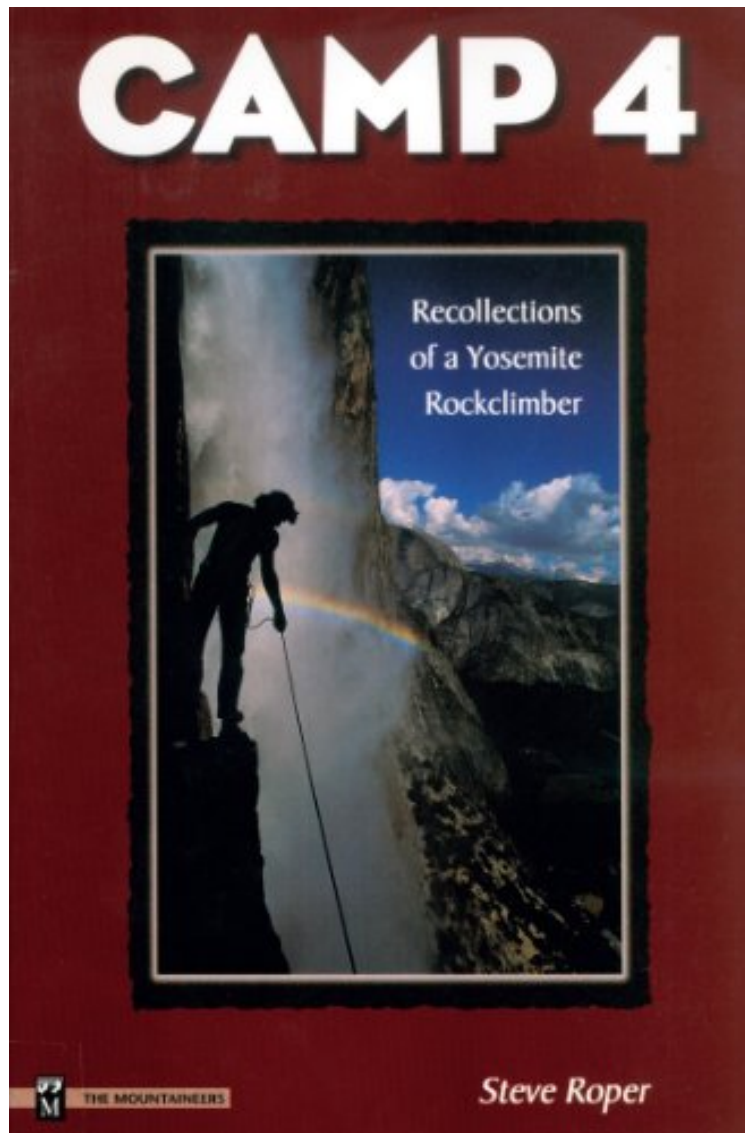


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**Von Steve Roper : Camp 4: Recollections of a Yosemite Rockclimber** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Camp 4: Recollections of a Yosemite Rockclimber:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A well-written, engrossing history of Yosemite rockclimbing. Von Ein KundeI've probably read this book eight or nine times since it was given to me for Christmas 1995. The beauty of it is that one can pick it up, turn to just about any page, and find material worth re-reading. If you are interested in rockclimbing and how it developed over time, this is the book

for you. My only complaint--besides the terrible binding--is that it only addresses the period ending in 1971; I wish someone would write a comparable book about Yosemite climbing in the 70s and 80s, when the standards shot through the roof. John Long's *Rock Jocks, Wall Rats, and Hang Dogs* covers the later period, but it isn't nearly as informative, or well-written, as Roper's book.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Cocky bastard  
Von Ein Kunde  
A wonderful history of climbing in the valley from about John Muir to 1970. For the climbing history after 1970 read Gary Arce's book "Defying Gravity." The only issue I had with the book is that Roper comes across as a arrogant cocky bastard. The climbers may have been the best in the valley, maybe even the world, but did they have to be so pompous about it. If you can read around the egotistical attitude it is a fine book. I lent the book to a female climbing friend who liked the book, but found the conceited attitude frustrating. No wonder the men in the valley were preoccupied with getting laid, with the cocky attitude, few women could probably stand them.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Klassiker  
Von Vortex  
Absoluter Klassiker. Sollte jeder der sich für Klettern, Natur und kalifornische Kultur interessiert, gelesen (oder besser studiert) haben. Sauber recherchiert und viele Photos aus der Zeit des "Golden Age of Yosemite Rock Climbing" von u.a. Robbins, Harding, Chouinard und Pratt. Schwerpunkt sind die 60er Jahre in denen sich Roper selbst "hauptberuflich" im Valley aufhielt. Als bildliche Ergänzung sei noch Glenn Denny's Photoband "Yosemite in the Sixties" zu empfehlen.

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