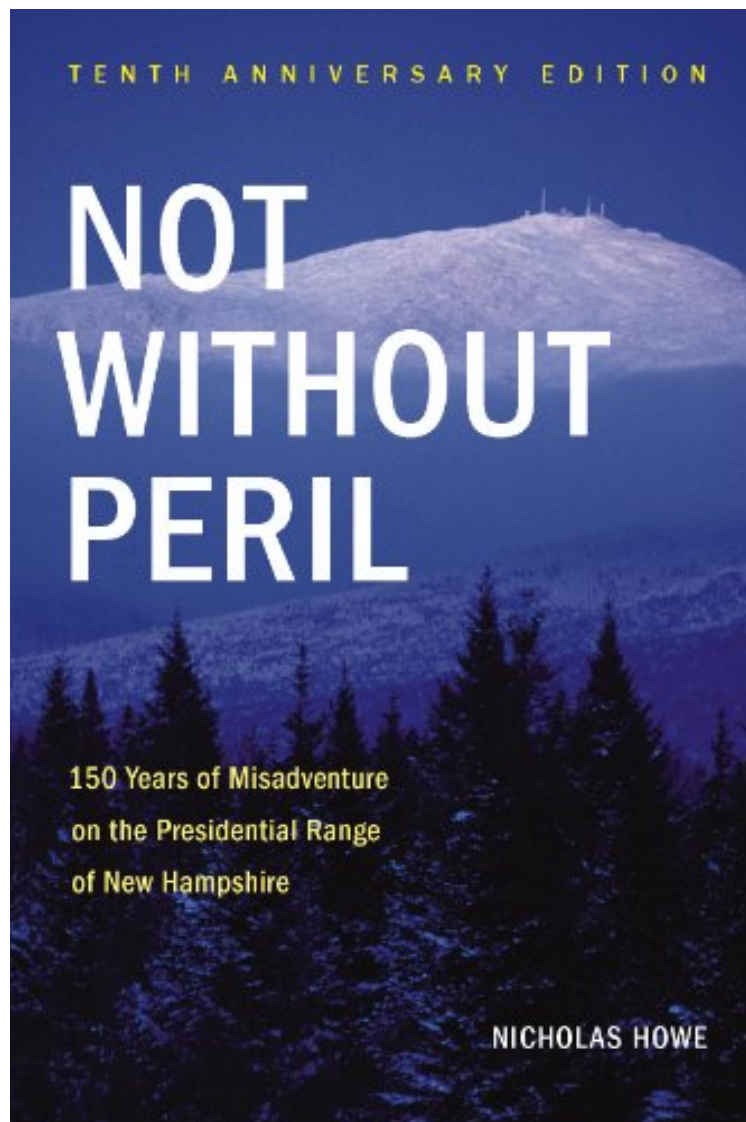


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Von Nicholas S. Howe : Not Without Peril, Tenth Anniversary Edition: 150 Years of Misadventure on the Presidential Range of New Hampshire (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Not Without Peril, Tenth Anniversary Edition: 150 Years of Misadventure on the Presidential Range of New Hampshire (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Hiking tales fascinate and inspireVon Ein KundeNick Howe brings a veteran hiker's respect to this vivid collection of stories about harrowing experiences in New Hampshire's Presidential Range, reminding novice and veteran hikers that the seemingly modest New England terrain can be as dangerous as the Himalayas if you approach the mountains unprepared for the vicious weather shifts from floor to peak. Between 1849 and 1994 (a terrible year on Mt. Washington, the highest peak in New England), the mountains had claimed 115 lives.If it's true, as Howe says, that "Mountains were invented in the 19th century" when Americans and Europeans began to enjoy leisure time in scenic places, then the late 20th century witnessed the transformation of mountain climbing from an adventurous hobby limited to small numbers of dedicated enthusiasts to a popular sporting activity attracting millions of people around the world. In general, today's climbers are better prepared, more knowledgeable and better dressed for mountain climbing. But in far too many cases, climbers push past the envelope of safety, ignoring age-old warning signs of changing weather patterns and avalanche-prone trails.As a part-time hiker and Appalachian Mountain Club member, I found Howe's tales of tragedies and rescues fascinating. The Presidential Range will always draw climbers like me, who can learn valuable lessons from these compelling stories.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Trouble above timberlineVon Hal LancerThose who grew up in part, as author Nicholas Howe did, climbing Mt. Washington, remember well their first experiences of encountering crosses and other memorials within an easy calm-weather walk and even within fog-free sight of shelter on this mountain. Brief accounts are shared in low somber voices among hikers of victims that gave up and lay down to die of hypothermia, leading neophytes visiting the mountain in warm, clear, placid weather to wonder how such a thing could repeatedly happen."Not Without Peril" brilliantly fleshes out historical background and details of nineteen mostly long-forgotten climbing tragedies, with dogged, disciplined library research and interviews. Most of these people who did die did not succumb to falls off cliffs or ropes. They most often died of exposure, on or near ordinary hiking trails, in treacherous weather that may have blown in with little warning, usually between May and October. The clearly labeled, story-specific topographical trail maps are particularly helpful and often omitted from other books of this genre. The key lessons (carry proper synthetic-fiber or wool cold-weather clothing at all times of the year, and descend immediately when weather conditions threaten or begin to deteriorate) are clear. Most victims ignored both of these rules, as countless trampers more fortunate than they still do, at their peril.The most compelling account in the book is its most detailed one, that from 1986 of Don Barr, who made a classic series of ill-advised decisions and collapsed from exposure during a raging late-August winter storm, half a mile from and above the AMC Madison Hut. The hut staff, 52 hut guests, and rescuers converging on the scene were unable to help in time. The new hut manager made the final, painfully haunting, but ultimately correct and wise-beyond-her-years decision to not risk further lives attempting a highly unlikely safe rescue. The rich detail, the interviews with major participants, the presence (and survival) of Barr's son and a companion, and the imagery of a frightful storm and a lonely death on a night from arctic hell make this account particularly harrowing.Some of the victims in "Not Without Peril" were experienced climbers who should have known better. Many were nave, had more grit than sense, or suffered only the simple misfortune of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. What's remarkable is how some of these victims, in spite of dazzlingly inadequate clothing and horrible weather conditions, managed to survive for days before finally succumbing. Others survived in spite of rescue techniques that are no longer used by trained rescuers to reduce the risk of additional, potentially fatal hazards to the injured. Detailed warnings and descriptions of hypothermia and rescue from it in the current AMC guidebook suggest death can overtake victims more quickly or surely than it did in some of these accidents, as it actually did to others in this book. Even more remarkable are the dogged determination, courage, and selflessness of the rescuers willing to endure hours and days of misery putting their lives at risk in weather conditions unimaginable to most of us for a small chance to save the lives of people who have often made foolish or at best uninformed choices.On the downside, "Not Without Peril" lacks a satisfying conclusion. It abruptly ends where the last story stops, making it seem more a collection of magazine articles than a unified book. One more chapter would have been the best place to offer advice on how to prevent, recognize, and treat hypothermia, and to offer some commentary on common climber mistakes and other threads running through the accounts. Also, this book has more run-on sentences than there have been hikers (128 identified here) who have died on or near Mt. Washington. Mr. Howe needs to get control of his commas and discover the clarity provided by periods and semi-colons. His manuscript was carefully researched and mostly artfully written, but ultimately reduced in impact by the frequent occurrence of this elementary grammatical error. His editor must have been oversleeping at an AMC hut.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Beauty of Nature and the Wrath of GodVon James L Rowe JrNicholas Howe has written a fascinating account of one of the world's most interesting weather spots, the Presidential Range of New Hampshire. In a zigzag fashion, much like a trail up Mount Washington, he takes his reader through the history of the White Mountains via the stories of those who were unlucky or unprepared or unable when confronted with the terrible uncaring and uncompromising forces of wind, water, and frigid cold -- the all-powerful and capricious gods who reign above the timberline in a sort of terrible trinity of infinite combinations. Mr. Howe has done his homework and you come to know these souls much as you'd come to briefly know someone with whom you'd shared a shelter during a memorable storm. Their stories demonstrate that while

human culture and technology change, the gods of the mountains don't and the balance between life and death remains a razor's edge. This is a compelling book that pulls you in and makes you feel as if you'd hiked the Presidential Ranges, North and South, yourself. One note: Mr. Howe should make those who proofread his book spend an October night on Mount Washington in their underwear. The mistakes become more frequent (and distracting) as the text progresses, and the failure to correct them is a disservice to the research and effort he has put into it. His publisher owes him more. The book is so good that these problems can be overlooked, but unlike death on the mountain, there is no excuse for sloppy proofreading.

Kurzbeschreibung Among the most beautiful and deadly mountains in the world, Mount Washington has challenged adventurers for centuries with its severe weather. From the days when gentlefolk ascended the heights in hoop skirts and wool suits to today's high-tech assaults on wintry summits, this book offers extensive and intimate profiles of people who found trouble on New Hampshire's Presidential Range, from the nineteenth century through the present day. Recognized by the Boston Globe as one of the 100 Essential New England Books, the first edition of *Not Without Peril* garnered acclaim from the Banff Mountain Book Festival for its gripping tales of exploration and tragedy. This tenth anniversary edition includes a new afterword from author Nicholas Howe, who offers a personal account of an evening spent at the Mount Washington Observatory while 160-mile-per-hour winds raged outside. Like a piece of granite chipped off a Presidential peak, veteran journalist Nicholas Howe's assessment of misadventure in New Hampshire's rugged mountains has a crisp, puritanical feel that fairly rasps New England. Take his description of the near-vertical (and now well-skied) slope that nearly killed Max Engelhart in 1926: "Tuckerman Ravine is a sort of twin to Huntington Ravine, a left-hand punch into the side of Mount Washington by the same primordial giant that made Huntington with his right." Underlying *Not Without Peril* is the not-so-subtle message that the Presidential Range, topping out at just over 6,000 feet, is as uncompromising as any other mountain range. After all, these mountains--named for Washington, Lincoln, Madison--are home to some of the most vicious weather recorded on the planet. Howe makes no judgment about those whose misfortunes he chronicles; there are tender moments that manage to stay faithful to a crusty Yankee sensibility, as in the tale of Lizzie Bourne, who died in a snowstorm while huddled in a makeshift lean-to. Howe quotes her uncle George: "She was dead--had uttered no complaint, expressed no regret or fear, but passed silently away." Such sober tales, scrupulously researched, tell the history of a mountain range and its climbers, some of whom are immortalized for their ill-fated treks. It's a gritty read, a touch morbid, but more than compensated for by sharp writing and compelling drama. --Tipton Blish

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"First published 14 years ago, *Not Without Peril* has quickly risen amongst the ranks of outdoor books and is clearly deserving the title of an outdoor classic. Combining painstaking historical research with his own intimate knowledge of New Hampshire's White Mountains, Nicholas Howe recounts the struggles, deaths, and near escapes of hikers on Mount Washington. Howe gives us more than just facts of each accident, but he goes deeper, placing the accidents in the historical context of the times, including the period's clothing and equipment, and providing a more complete understanding of the background and personalities of the people involved.--2014 National Outdoor Book Award Judges"