

New Books in Brief - 2016

The 9th Grade: 150 Years of Free Climbing, by David Chambre (Mountaineers Books, \$50). A large-format, comprehensive history of free climbing; Eurocentric with terrific color photographs.

My Old Man and the Mountain, A Memoir, by Leif Whittaker (Mountaineers, \$24.95). The author retells the story of his father's famous ascent, interweaving their family lives and his own trips to Everest.

Night Naked: A Climber's Autobiography, by Erhard Loretan, with Jean Ammann. (Mountaineers, \$19.95). "One of the finest memoirs ever written by mountaineers," says David Roberts in his foreword. Enough said.

Alaska Range: Exploring the Last Great Wild, by Carl Battreall (Mountaineers, \$19.95). Spectacular alpine photography, with essays by Clint Helander, Roman Dial, Brian Okonek, Jeff Benowitz, and others.

Sherpa: The Memoir of Ang Tharkay, translated by Corrine McKay (Mountaineers, \$19.95). Appearing in English for the first time, the story the most renowned Sherpa who accompanied Shipton and Tillman and was sirdar for the 1950 French expedition to Annapurna.

Surviving Logan, by Eric Bjanason and Cathi Shaw (Rocky Mountain Books, \$28). Big storm, tent blown away. "We'll come back for you if we can." A classic mountain survival tale.

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