Fallen Giants: A History of Himalayan Mountaineering from the Age of Empire to the Age of Extremes


IN THE FOREWORD TO THE 1987 reprinting of Kenneth Mason's classic 1955 book Abode of Snow: A History of Himalayan Exploration and Mountaineering, well-known Himalayan veteran Doug Scott stated, "It is hoped that the successor [to Abode of Snow], if there is one, will achieve the same standard of excellence." Finally, the long-awaited heir has appeared. Not only is Isserman and Weaver's Fallen Giants an update of Mason's rightly famous efforts, it is in many respects an entirely different approach to Himalayan mountaineering history. Mason (1887-1976) was a British soldier and geographer notable as the first statutory professor of geography at the University of Oxford. His significant survey work in the Himalayas was recognized in 1927 with a Royal Geographic Society Founder's Medal. He was also the first editor of the Himalayan Club's Himalayan Journal, founded in 1929. Mason's Abode of Snow, naturally enough, focuses on the exploratory nature of early Himalayan climbing through the first ascent of Mt. Everest in 1953, with a clear geographic emphasis.

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and they compellingly evoke the social and cultural worlds that gave rise to those expeditions. Thus it fell to the English barrister William Woodman Graham, whose Alpine record embraced Cite this Item. CHAPTER THREE “Because It Is There”: George Mallory and the Fight for Everest, 1921–1924. From April to September 1934, the British mountaineers Bill Tilman and Eric Shipton explored the central Himalayas. They shared extreme hardship and extreme beauty, and managed to survey much of the. Introducing Times RadioTap ‘Menu’ and then ‘Times Radio’ to listen to the latest well-informed debate, expert analysis and breaking newsTap ‘Menu’ and then ‘Times Radio’ to listen to the latest well-informed debate, expert analysis and breaking news. Dismiss. Accessibility Links. Skip to content. MenuClose. Thursday October 15 2020. Search The Times and The Sunday Times. Today's sections. News. Fallen Giants captures the spirit of Himalayan climbing. It is wonderfully written and will become an indispensable reference. Charles S. Houston, co-author of K2: The Savage Mountain -- Charles S. Houston. In Fallen Giants: A History of Himalayan Mountaineering from the Age of Empire to the Age of Extremes, Maurice Isserman and Stewart Weaver share unforgettable stories of the history of the world's highest peaks and the climbers who challenged their lofty summits. Their in-depth research gives us unique insights into previously unknown controversies, mysteries, and dramas. This is the story of mountaineering in the Himalaya from the earliest historical accounts to the 2000s, told like a fireside tale. Gripping and full of life. Otherwise a fascinating, gripping history of Himalayan climbing, told in the context of the times of each expedition, with portrait of mountaineers not only as athletes but as men and women with the qualities and flaws of the era of which they were the products. Categories: History. Year: 2008. Edition: 1. Publisher: Yale University Press. Language: english. Pages: 592. Fallen Giants book. Read 12 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. The first successful ascent of Mount Everest in 1953 by Sir Edmund Hi... Start by marking “Fallen Giants: A History of Himalayan Mountaineering from the Age of Empire to the Age of Extremes” as Want to Read: Want to Read saving... Want to Read.