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Off the wall: DEATH IN YOSEMITE

Revised Edition

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While not as good as *Off the Edge* While not as good as *Away the Edge: Death in Grand Canyon*, this reserve is interesting and pointed toward basic safety. I disliked some of the tangents and how some tales lacked the organic flavor, but a good text. Read prior to going! Better maps could help some sections, but nothing you can't remedy (generally) with a park brochure. Internet queries are mainly pointless for these isolated and decades-previous lawsuits, so it'd be interesting to hear more about the legal, plan, and other ramifications, rather than a few of the random hearsay-style tangents in the publication. I had one friend reject the idea of reading the publication as "not being truly a positive activity. This will remove any doubt on why we stay jointly on the trail. OMG! I'm over half way through this heavy reserve and I don't need to put it down! It's amazing how stupid people could be in life and death situations, and just disregard the apparent, and die. Some are really accidents but most of the deaths are from stupidity or carelessness or being drunk! Like floating on your own back in the drinking water by the waterfall and just mindlessly floating over the advantage and falling a huge selection of foot to your loss of life! STUPID! I would have estimated about doubly many. I really like this publication!!!" Its people like him who falsely believe going through existence is normally a matter of "being positive" rather than being well informed. More than a checklist of deaths Like many people, I started to go through this out of a sense of morbid fascination. The chief climbing instructor would read the case, and we do a group analysis with our students on what proceeded to go wrong and what we would find out from it. This technique was very formative for me and definitely strengthened whatever native caution I had. It may have contributed to a certain timidity that kept me out of problems, but also discouraged me from getting particularly achieved as a mountaineer. This book has many stories that are similarly useful. Like additional reviewers, I found it hard to put down once I started, and I examine it cover-to-cover over approximately two days; This book was a very enjoyable read even given the topic matter." I recommend the publication for adult or young adult reading and give it a 5 Celebrity rating. I also appreciated that the chapter on homicides opened with the annals of the native people in America and their subsequent relocation and murder. As a guide, the tales about misjudgement of the energy of drinking water in streams and rivers, and about getting lost, stand out. My colleagues and I place a lot of effort into preventing these mishaps; on long excursions in the Spring the stream crossing will surely be more hazardous than technical ascents on backcountry peaks. But that's not to state that tales of climbing accidents are not also informative, because they're. Some of the stories are legendary, and have been told and retold around many a campfire. The text is split into chapter categories such as: Waterfalls Base Jumping Snow Aircraft Down Falls While Hiking Drowning Lost Murder Homicide. I was a bit surprised at the full total count of climbing deaths in Yosemite; What held me interested was the fact that the authors in fact detail quite a bit about the annals of the recreation area, the national park services, and the evolution of some of the actions that result in deaths (climbing, rappelling, foundation jumping). Choose the reserve and see. I am to Yosemite many times, but I experienced to keep googling photos of the different landmarks to picture some of the events. This book has been a great read and really does call to attention how exactly to ... This book is a great read and does indeed call to attention how exactly to be much safer outdoors, not just at Yosemite. Entertaining read with great detail and fine recap at the end of each section. Really fascinating especially if you've been to Yosemite and hiked most of the trails discussed. The function was advertised and the Recreation area Service knew of it in advance as the event was a "protest" to demonstrate the "safety" of BASE jumping. Others were new to me. Surprisingly Reassuring Great

reserve. I had no proven fact that Yosemite used to possess bear feedings for the crowd's entertainment, or that folks lobbied early on to have the more "dangerous" wild animals exterminated so they could enjoy the recreation area without them. For instance, one woman was killed while illegally BASE jumping (parachuting) off of a cliff. Off the Wall: Death In Yosemite This book was compiled by a retired National Park Ranger who well documented all of the known fatalities which have occurred during the last 150 years within the Yosemite Park boundaries. One thing I would suggest to the authors can be that they include even more images--particularly of the waterfalls and peaks." The text even provides eye witness recollections of the ultimate words people uttered because they slipped with their deaths (you can guess some of those words). Information on the deaths can often be gruesome, but there is only one picture in the complete book and that is on the front cover. (A guy who starved to death in the 1930's after getting trapped by an early winter storm). The book is actually an excellent source of wilderness education. In case you are the type of person who learns from the errors of others, you will benefit by reading the reserve. Or, in case you are basically unaware that people actually get LOST in Yosemite Park and are hardly ever heard from again, it is an attention opener. And for those among us who think that a National Recreation area is safe to behave without concern of your respective behavior, the reserve will clarify that the term Recreation area is only a bureaucratic name for what could be a dangerous wild area. We don't want to put it down! A great way to obtain cautionary tales I am a wilderness instructor since about 1973. Its people like him who obtain lost and can't extract themselves from danger despite being a "positive thinker. There are a great number of methods to die in the mountains, and Yosemite has been a laboratory of sorts for all those ill-fated experimenters whose ignorance, poor judgement, and misfortune have terminated their research. Each chapter gives what amounts to a study on select events within the category and provides a full overview of the fatalities within that category by the end of the chapter which includes incidents which were not fully described in the case study. Anyone planning a trip to Yosemite should browse this. Not only does it tell you what NOT to do, but it is reassuring to learn that in the event that you follow all the rules and use good sense, you truly won't get harm, nor will your children. Ideal for nervous parents. Good reading I really enjoyed reading the accounts in the publication. There are several sad accounts nonetheless it gave me a genuine appreciation of the powers of character in the Park. Guy can never beat nature, only plan it. Early in my own career, when I was an apprentice climbing instructor, part of the evening fireside ritual was reading from "Accidents in UNITED STATES Mountaineering" published annually by the American Alpine Club. And how many is normally that? They explain how authorities attitudes toward parks transformed over the years, and how the public perception of the parks also transformed. The design of writing is not dried out at all and includes hints of sarcasm or humor where appropriate. There are chilling stories of simple decisions gone terribly wrong, and much more chilling stories of car wrecks and psychopathic murder rampages. We often think of national park deaths as being people who wandered over cliffs, forgetting about those that lived and were killed there. The author points out the irony that the girl DIED as she attempted to protest the "unneeded" prohibition against a sport she experienced was "safe. You won't regret it, and it simply may help you stay out of trouble. Really well written. I would recommend clearing your timetable before you crack this book open. The study was extensive. I definitely loved the lessons toward security and the analysis. Yikes! One nitpick: lawsuits are mentioned about four times in the reserve, but no bottom line or more detail is given. Eyesight opening! A must read for anyone likely to Yosemite! Must read for almost all

Scout, youth and various other group leaders This is a must read for Scout leaders and other people who take youth and groups into the back country. This backs up the reason we teach safe hiking techniques.! Five Stars Great browse, got his other book after I finished that one Interesting, but sad in parts, though it seems most people get injured or killed by disobeying the guidelines. Like new Good book I love books like these I like books like these.



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