

BOOK REVIEWS

Switzerland, France, Germany, Italy, England and the United States.

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Our Everest Adventure, by Sir John Hunt. 128 pages, including 103 large photographs, numerous small photos, and 2 maps. English edition: Leicester, Brockhampton Press, 1954. Price, 12/6. American edition: New York, E. P. Dutton & Co., 1954. Price, \$3.75.

This account is a very satisfactory abbreviation of the more detailed book. It begins with the march in to Khumbu and the oxygen rehearsals, instead of with the earlier organization and planning. Print occupies a minor fraction of the space on its 128 pages, most of which are taken up with pictures. The most notable of these are the photograph of a model of the *massif* from an angle which shows all of the route and Lowe's route-marked photograph of the Lhotse face.

ROBERT M. ORMES

South Col, One Man's Adventure on the Ascent of Everest, 1953, by Wilfred Noyce. 303 pages, 5 maps, 4 colored plates, 71 photographs, and 16 drawings. Melbourne, London, Toronto: William Heineman Ltd., 1954.

In this interesting and well written book Wilfred Noyce carries up Everest as far as the South Col and lets us live the climb with him and see everything as it happened through his eyes. We feel his hopes, aspirations, joys, and disappointments. We suffer with him hunger, thirst, and the monotony of a high-altitude diet. We plod up endless snow slopes and know what it is to lack oxygen. We feel the peace and contentment that living and striving upwards in the high mountains brings. We find ourselves a member of the team and get to know our climbing companions. We gain deep affection for the faithful, happy, and lovable Sherpas and even catch a whiff of the unmistakable Sherpa odor. This is what Wilfred Noyce succeeds in giving us. The volume is no official account of all the details of the expedition; for that we have already seen Sir John Hunt's admirable book. The sum-