

Mountaineering Maps of the World, Volume 1, Himalaya, 1977, 329 pages. Price: 19,000 yen; *Volume 2, Karakoram-Hindu Kush*, 1978, 350 pages. Price 21,000 yen. Editor, Koji Echigo. Tokyo: Gakushu Kenkyu-sha. Publisher, Hiroshi Watanabe. Illustrated.

These two large books (10 × 15½ inches) present the student of Himalayan, Karakoram and Hindu Kush mountaineering the only easily procured (though expensive) set of maps of nearly all these ranges. The names on the maps are printed in English. Altitudes are in meters. The maps seem to the reviewer to be accurate, being based on maps of the Survey of India and on expedition reports. The Japanese text on individual mountains is of course less useful to one not familiar with that language. There is, however, in addition to the maps, a treasure trove of well reproduced photographs, mostly in color and generally with English captions. These are two books to which I frequently refer.

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Himalaya und Karakorum by Toni Hiebeler. Zürich: Silva-Verlag, 1980. 248 pages, 134 color photographs. Price: 56 Swiss Francs.

As former editor of *Alpinismus* and author of more than twenty mountain books, Toni Hiebeler is a well-known authority on the mountains of the world. In *Himalaya und Karakorum* he presents us with an overview of the whole range, the geology, fauna and flora, peoples, personal experiences and especially the history of climbing. As in any such work which attempts to cover the whole of such a subject, there are certain errors which the reviewer spotted, particularly in the section with which he was most familiar, Nanda Devi. Yet the work seems generally accurate. It covers not only the regions most commonly visited by climbers but is particularly useful in describing the lesser-known parts; in fact, it would be hard to know where to turn elsewhere to find in one volume information for the less-explored areas. The maps which break all the range into eight main regions and 45 groups are very handy. The photographs, mostly by the author, are outstanding and beautifully reproduced. The work is also published in a French-language edition.

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Ascent, edited by Allen Steck & Steve Roper. Sierra Club Books, San Francisco 1980. 272 pages, 8½ x 11, paperbound, illustrated. Price \$14.95.

Readers accustomed to *Ascent* each year in the Sixties and every other year in the early Seventies, and not at all since 1976, will be particularly pleased with this volume. Those who have not followed *Ascent's* growth