

The back-of-the-book compilations of Everest events will delight the left brain-sided. Sherpa Ang Rita's *seven* ascents are described, achieved from 1983 to 1992. The 485 known ascents are tabulated by the 428 climbers making them (through 1992), along with their nationality, date, expedition, and leader. The 115 deaths are noted by date, location and likely cause; fifty-one ascents without oxygen are listed, and 16 women summiters: The seven progressively older men are ranked (now 55 years old) and the youngest (17 years old). Statisticians will have a field day.

Mount Everest—70 Years has spent many months on our coffee table. Each time I pick it up to place it in the bookshelf, I find myself dipping in to reread a selection. Soon I am engrossed once again. At this rate, it will be many months before it finds its place on the top shelf of my most cherished mountaineering books.

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Mount Everest Massif. Jan Kielkowski. Explo Publishers, 1 Maja 40/6, 44-100 Gliwice, Poland. 1992. *Climbing Guide*, 201 pages, 9 maps, 97 illustrations, \$18.50. *Mountaineering Atlas*, 21 pages, maps and indexes, \$6.50 plus \$2.50 postage for each.

If you need a thumb-nail mountaineering résumé of Mount Everest and its immediate vicinity, these little books, written in English, are it. The *Climbing Guide* contains brief descriptions up to the middle of 1992 of all climbing routes on Everest and its immediate neighbors, Lhotse, Nuptse, Changtse, Shartse and lower trekking peaks such as Imja, Pokalde, Kongma Tse (*not* including Pumori, Makalu and their neighbors, which are included in others of Kielkowski's booklets). Every side of each peak is illustrated by overall and close-up sketches, showing the climbing routes, often in remarkable detail. In the *Mountaineering Atlas*, "orographic" maps show ridge configurations and there is a detailed bibliography and index of names and maps to complete this remarkable little publication.

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Climbing Mount Everest, The Bibliography: The Literature and History of Climbing the World's Highest Mountain. Compiled by Audrey Salkeld and John Boyle. Sixways Publishing, Clevedon BS21 7SL, England, 1993. 120 pages, soft cover. \$20.

As a leading historian of Himalayan mountaineering, Audrey Salkeld needs little introduction. Over many years, hundreds of authors, journalists and film makers have relied on her expert knowledge to research or verify climbing episodes, dates, the backgrounds of climbers, both celebrities and unsung, along with hard-to-find expedition minutiae.