

but in the end Jon is still swaggering around with the hubris of a mountaineer. And Fred Beckey, whom I think has already reached mountaineering nirvana, won't talk about it. But then Coyote never does.

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Mount Logan Map, Research and Reference Folio. G. Holdsworth and B. Sawyer. Arctic Institute of North America, 2500 University Drive NW, Calgary AB T2N 1N4, Canada, 1993. Two sheets 50cm x 66cm, printed in color on four sides of poster-grade paper. Price: Canadian \$15 to \$20 depending on affiliation.

This very valuable folio will be of great help to anyone hoping to visit this highest region of Canada. It contains the following: *Side 1*: Historical background, introduction and layout of the folio; ordering information; acknowledgements; two fine aerial photographs of Mount Logan by Washburn and Post. *Side 2*: Map of Logan, 1:75,000, in color, showing lines of major ascent routes, location of main research sites: part of a larger format map (see below). *Side 3*: Summary of scientific research (geology, glaciology, physiology, natural history). Breathtaking color photograph of the southern aspect of the mountain, showing 4200 meters of relief. References are given for research and mountaineering activities. *Side 4*: Map of Mount Logan and vicinity, 1:100,000 with shaded contour relief.

Selected Climbs in the Cascades. Jim Nelson and Peter Potterfield. The Mountaineers, Seattle, Washington, 1993. 234 pages. 142 black-and-white illustrations, 26 topos, 4 line maps. \$22.95

The Cascades offer some of the most varied climbing terrain found anywhere in a single range in the lower 48 States. From unique glacier climbs on solitary volcanoes to the rugged and remote peaks in the North Cascades, there are numerous routes that will appeal to climbers of all skill levels. To the beginner or newcomer to the Cascades, wading through the three volumes of Fred Beckey's *Cascade Alpine Guide* to pick just the right trip in this complex range can be intimidating and time-consuming.

This volume is intended to help climbers sort through this information by presenting route descriptions for 90 climbs that are, in the authors' opinion, the best in the Cascades. This book contains a good sampling of many fine routes that are located all throughout the range. Some of the climbs described in this book are easy walk-ups, and some are difficult technical routes. The types of climbs are varied as well, including routes that involve glacier travel, snow-and-ice climbing, alpine rock climbing, and crag climbing. As such, this book will appeal to those interested in general mountaineering as well as technical climbing.

The route descriptions in this book are organized by location, and not according to difficulty. As such, a difficult route that requires considerable climbing experience may be located on a page next to one that is considerably easier. So before heading out, the reader should pay close attention to the difficulty ratings and any other special considerations such as the appropriate conditions required for the route to be safe.

The book is easy to use with short descriptions and historical information for each peak or route, difficulty ratings, approach directions, and a description of the climbing and descent routes. Many of the route descriptions include photos that are marked to show the climbing route and some include topos.

To prepare this guide, the authors have spent considerable time doing research and consulting with other climbers. This has helped to correct some mistakes from previous guides, and many new routes have been included that are not published elsewhere.

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Sierra Classics: The 100 Best Climbs in the High Sierra. John Moynier and Claude Fiddler. Chockstone Press, Evergreen, CO, 1993. 316 pages. \$25.00.

When this new book first caught my eye on the shelf of a Yosemite climbing shop, my mouth watered in Pavlovian anticipation. I wondered, what routes did the authors include? What was the selection criteria? Would it stimulate so much traffic as to have an adverse effect on the fragile alpine ecology? And finally, was it a "guidebook" or more of a symbolic call to action in the vein of Steck and Roper's *Fifty Classic Climbs of North America*? I pulled out my VISA, bought the book, and sat down at a vacant table to begin to seek the answers to these and other questions.

I was initially delighted to see that my twenty years of experience climbing in the Sierra were validated by the work of Moynier and Fiddler. They included the obvious and well-known "classics," such as Charlotte Dome, the east face of Mount Whitney, and Clyde Minaret, but they also divulged some previously hidden Sierra gems. These include the east ridge and north arête of Bear Creek Spire, the Moon Goddess Arête on Temple Crag, and the northwest arête of Devil's Crag #1. The authors' selections include a diverse array of technical difficulties. Routes range from the easy, third class east ridge of Mount McAdie, to the unrepeatable, multi-day traverse of the Palisades. Falling in between these extremes are 98 routes that will keep climbers of a wide range of abilities busy for many years to come!

As I continued to peruse my new guide, I developed a few concerns about what the authors might have omitted. First, they did not include any criteria for their list of "classics." Initially, I wondered if routes were selected because they offered great climbing, but this can't be the case because the book features such notoriously loose climbs as the southwest face of the Black Kaweah and the northeast face of the Middle Palisade. Both peaks have routes with better rock