

by Alberta (or if he did, it does not appear in the narrative); he seems more focused on quantity of summits than on quality of ascents. If you are a mountain history buff, or simply love a period mountain tale, this book will be attractive. But for an introduction to the exploratory era in the Canadian Rockies, I would suggest the two other books cited above.

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IN BRIEF

- Just before his death Galen Rowell edited a new edition of *High & Wild: Essays and Photographs on Wilderness Adventure* (Spotted Dog Press, \$34.95). In his review of the first edition in the 1980 *AAJ* Charles Houston said, "It is by far his finest work and rivals any other in print; it will stand equal to Tom Hornbein's splendid *Everest: the West Ridge*. It's a book to be read again and again and to feast on in times of despair." If anything, those words are even more accurately descriptive of this new edition which features 10 new essays in addition to the original 13. As Robert Redford notes in the introduction it is the most personal of Rowell's books. Spotted Dog Press has produced a particularly elegant edition here; the color printing is excellent—in many cases an improvement on the original edition's color saturation and detail. The Preface and Photographic Notes at the end have the uncanny and heartbreaking effect of Rowell speaking to us from beyond. Charlie Houston was right about this one: we're lucky to have it.

- Many of Rowell's photographs illustrate his wife Barbara Rowell's book *Flying South: A Pilot's Inner Journey* (Ten Speed Press). Not a climbing story but definitely an adventurer's tale, it chronicles a 25,000-mile, 27-leg journey through Latin America with Galen and Doug Tompkins. Proof that marriage and adventure need not be mutually exclusive.

- *Fearless on Everest: The Quest for Sandy Irvine*, (Mountaineers, 2000; \$18.95.) tells more about Sandy Irvine than has ever been told before. Written by an admiring relative, Julie Summers (his sister's granddaughter), it is by no means a disinterested treatment. Nor is it the work of a professional historian or biographer. But anyone captivated by the 1924 British Everest expedition will be thankful Ms. Summers decided to ferret out this long forgotten information.

- *When in Doubt, Go Higher: Mountain Gazette Anthology*, M. John Fayhee, editor, (Mountain Sports Press \$18.95) collects together essays from 1972-'79 along with a few selections from the new *MG*, relaunched in 1999. *AAJ* readers will recognize David Roberts, Galen Rowell, Royal Robbins, and Lito Tejada-Flores, alongside such literary greats as Ed Abbey.

- *Alaska: A Climbing Guide* (Mountaineers \$24.95) by Mike Wood and Colby Coombs is a noteworthy guidebook simply because it's the first comprehensive guide to 80 routes in eight great ranges in Alaska. As Brian Okonek notes in his foreword, this book should not be used as a "checklist" but as a "Springboard for your imagination."

- *Frank Smythe: The Six Alpine/Himalayan Climbing Books* (Mountaineers \$38.00) is the latest in the Mountaineers series that began with the Tilman and Shipton editions. Smythe wrote 27 books; these six, written between 1920 and 1939, include *The Kanchenjunga Adventure*, *Kamet Conquered*, and *Camp Six*—classics all. This whole series provides a terrific service for the historian.

- *Desire & Ice: Searching for Perspective Atop Denali* (National Geographic Press \$16.00) is a description of David Brill's guided climb of Denali. Well-researched and lucidly written, this is highly recommended for would-be climbers attempting the same.