

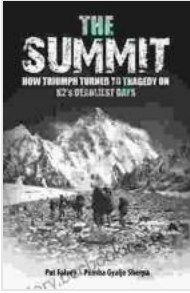
How Triumph Turned To Tragedy On K2 Deadliest Days



**The Summit: How Triumph Turned To Tragedy On K2's
Deadliest Days** by Pat Falvey

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On August 1, 2008, eleven climbers reached the summit of K2, the world's second-highest mountain. It was a triumph for the climbers, but it would soon turn to tragedy. On the descent, eleven climbers died in one of the deadliest days in mountaineering history.

The climbers who died on K2 that day came from all over the world. They were experienced mountaineers, and they had all dreamed of climbing K2. But the mountain had other plans.

The weather on K2 can be treacherous, and it was particularly bad on the day of the tragedy. The climbers were caught in a storm, and they were forced to spend the night on the mountain. By the time they reached the summit, they were exhausted and hypothermic.

On the descent, the climbers made a number of mistakes. They lost their way in the storm, and they fell into a crevasse. They were also hit by an avalanche. By the time help arrived, it was too late.

The tragedy on K2 was a reminder of the dangers of mountaineering. It is a sport that requires skill, experience, and luck. And even the most experienced climbers can be defeated by the mountain.

The Climbers

The climbers who died on K2 that day were:

- Ger McDonnell (Ireland)
- Pierre Tarin (France)
- Hugues d'Aubarede (France)
- Fredrik Ericsson (Sweden)
- Bjørn-Eivind Årtun (Norway)
- John Snorri (Iceland)
- Wilco van Rooijen (Netherlands)
- Chen Yu-nan (Taiwan)
- Pasang Bhote (Nepal)
- Dawa Sherpa (Nepal)
- Pemba Gyalje Sherpa (Nepal)

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The storm that hit K2 that day was one of the worst in years. The winds were gusting up to 100 miles per hour, and the snow was falling heavily. The climbers were quickly disoriented, and they lost their way in the storm.

The climbers spent the night on the mountain, huddled together for warmth. By morning, they were all suffering from hypothermia. They knew that they had to get down the mountain as quickly as possible, but the storm was still raging.

The Descent

On the descent, the climbers made a number of mistakes. They lost their way in the storm, and they fell into a crevasse. They were also hit by an avalanche. By the time help arrived, it was too late.

The climbers lost their way in the storm because they were disoriented and exhausted. They also made the mistake of not following the fixed ropes that had been put in place by previous climbers.

The climbers fell into a crevasse because they were not properly roped together. A crevasse is a deep crack in the glacier, and it can be very dangerous to fall into one. The climbers who fell into the crevasse were never found.

The climbers were hit by an avalanche because they were crossing a steep slope. Avalanches are common on K2, and they can be very deadly. The climbers who were hit by the avalanche were buried in the snow.

By the time help arrived, it was too late. The climbers had all died from exposure, hypothermia, or injuries sustained in the fall or avalanche.

The Aftermath

The tragedy on K2 was a shock to the mountaineering community. It was one of the deadliest days in mountaineering history, and it raised questions about the safety of climbing K2.

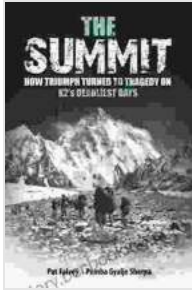
In the aftermath of the tragedy, there were calls for stricter regulations on K2. Some climbers argued that the mountain should be closed to climbers during the winter months, when the weather is most dangerous. Others argued that climbers should be required to have more experience before they are allowed to climb K2.

The Pakistani government has since implemented some new safety regulations on K2. Climbers are now required to have a permit to climb the mountain, and they must also be accompanied by a qualified guide. The government has also installed new fixed ropes on the mountain, and it has improved the weather forecasting system.

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The tragedy on K2 was a preventable disaster. The climbers made a number of mistakes that led to their deaths. But the mountain also played a role in the tragedy. K2 is a dangerous mountain, and it is not for the faint of heart.

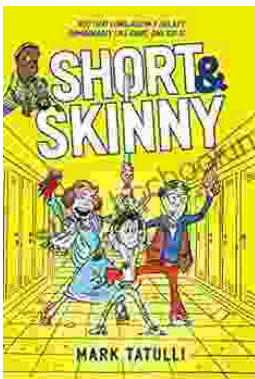
If you are planning to climb K2, be sure to do your research and prepare yourself for the challenges that you will face. The mountain is unforgiving, and it will not hesitate to kill you if you make a mistake.



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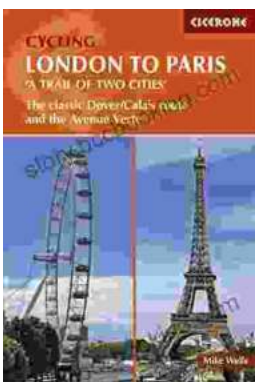
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