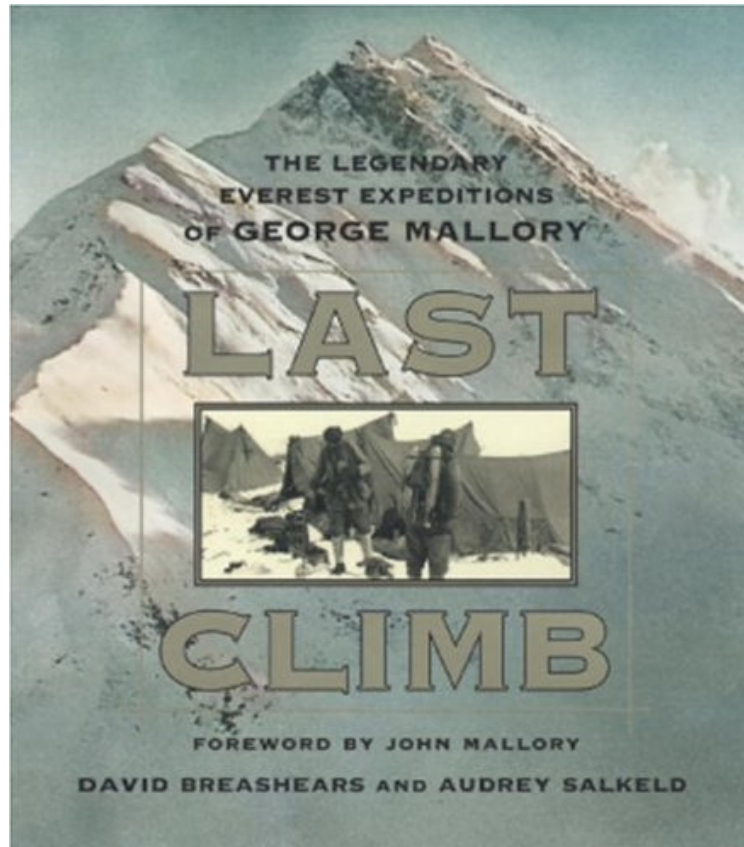


Last Climb: The Legendary Everest Expeditions of George Mallory

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David Breashears, Audrey Salkeld : Last Climb: The Legendary Everest Expeditions of George Mallory before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Last Climb: The Legendary Everest Expeditions of George Mallory:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Spectacular tribute to George Mallory By Patricia I. What a fantastic book. I have become an armchair mountaineer since reading many books about Everest climbs. In truth, I am queasy with heights so I don't ever see myself attempting a climb like this. I have enjoyed reading and watching David Breashears's books and documentaries and this one is one of my new favorites. The story of Mallory's climb accompanied by the spectacular photographs made Mallory's climb come alive for me. Given it was done in the 1920's, the fact that these brave climbers without their North Face gear or high quality climbing gear is absolutely amazing. David put together an amazing tribute to Mr. Mallory and this is a book I know I will return to again. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Mallory Irvine's lost expedition By Mary Jean Schlegel Good introductory book about this infamous expedition, and the subsequent search for the lost climbers. Should be made into a movie. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Vernean J. Nelsen My favorite true life story. This kept me engrossed from beginning to end!

Describes Mallory's final expedition to Mount Everest in 1924, the mystery surrounding his disappearance, and the discovery of his remains in 1999.

.com The issue will shortly be decided. The third time we walk up East Rongbuk Glacier will be the last, for better or worse. George Mallory wrote those words in May 1924, just days before he and Andrew "Sandy" Irvine made their final attempt to summit Mount Everest. They disappeared on June 8, 1924, and mystery has swirled around them ever since. Did they reach the summit, 29 years before Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary? The recovery of Mallory's body in May 1999 provoked more questions than it answered. Clearly Mallory fell and then died of exposure. But was he on his way up or down? David Breashears (of IMAX Everest fame) and mountaineering historian Audrey Salkeld devote a thoughtful chapter to the discovery, examining the clues found with Mallory and speculating on his experiences on that fateful day. As is to be expected, however, Breashears and Salkeld leave it to others (including Conrad Anker and Jochen Hemmleb) to make conclusions; their book is about much more than Mallory's disappearance. *Last Climb* is an affectionate biography of Mallory, his fellow climbers, and their three Everest expeditions. Diaries and letters written by expedition members bring their voices into the present, while the authors' considerable Everest expertise ensures historical accuracy. Dozens of vintage photographs taken by Mallory and the other expedition members illustrate the text, revealing a time when "gentlemen mountaineers climbed in leather boots and tweeds"--their gear better suited to a bright day in the Scottish highlands than the slopes of Everest. The morbid-minded may be disappointed that the only photograph of Mallory's remains is of his hobnailed boot, but others may see this as a mark of respect for the great climber. Beautifully presented and carefully written, *Last Climb* is easily the classiest book on the Mallory mystery. --Sunny Delaney

From Publishers Weekly

Completing the trio of new books on George Mallory (see *Ghosts of Everest* and *Lost on Everest*, above), this breathtakingly illustrated volume unfolds as a vivid, engaging pictorial documentary, offering an incredible armchair adventure on the roof of the world. Spectacular color and black-and-white photographs from Mallory's expeditions and from the 1999 search distinguish this volume, capturing the grandeur and almost unearthly beauty of the Himalayan heights. When Mallory and Andrew Irvine vanished at the top of the world in 1924, team member Noel Odell, the last person to see the two men alive, reported that they were ascending the Second Step, an escarpment just 800 feet from the summit. Odell later suggested that the duo might have been on the much lower First Step, and historians have debated the question ever since. IMAX filmmaker and Everest veteran Breashears (*High Exposure*, *Forecasts*, Apr. 26) and mountaineering historian Salkeld (*Climbing Mount Everest*, etc.) believe it's unlikely that Mallory and Irvine reached the Second Step and concur with the authors of the other two books that the question of whether the duo reached the summit remains unresolved. The spectacular photographs are accompanied by a perceptive probe of Mallory the man, an Edwardian idealist who threw off the shackles of Victorian restraint yet remained torn between fatherly duty (he left his wife and three children for long periods) and his sense of mission as "a child of Empire... conscious of what England expected." Included also are a poignant introduction by John Mallory, the explorer's son, who pays tribute to the father he hardly knew, as well as a brief essay by George Mallory II (John's son), who reached Everest's summit in 1995, symbolically completing his grandfather's quest. BOMC selection. (Oct.) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. ...a retread of previously published material, although with wonderful period photographs of the 1920's expeditions. -- The New York Times Book , Susan Reed

This...ambitious book, by mountaineer-filmmaker Breashears and Everest historian Salkeld, is the definitive account of all three British attempts on Everest involving Mallory in the 1920s. Its pages, enhanced by maps, charts and vintage photographs, some taken by Mallory himself, convey the ordeal endured...in tackling a part of the world so unexplored at the time that it might as well have been (and in fact is closest to) the surface of the moon. -- Sports Illustrated, November 29, 1999

Wonderful period photographs of the 1920's expeditions...*Last Climb* is straightforward with vintage photographs taken by Mallory and on other British expeditions. -- The New York Times, December 5, 1999