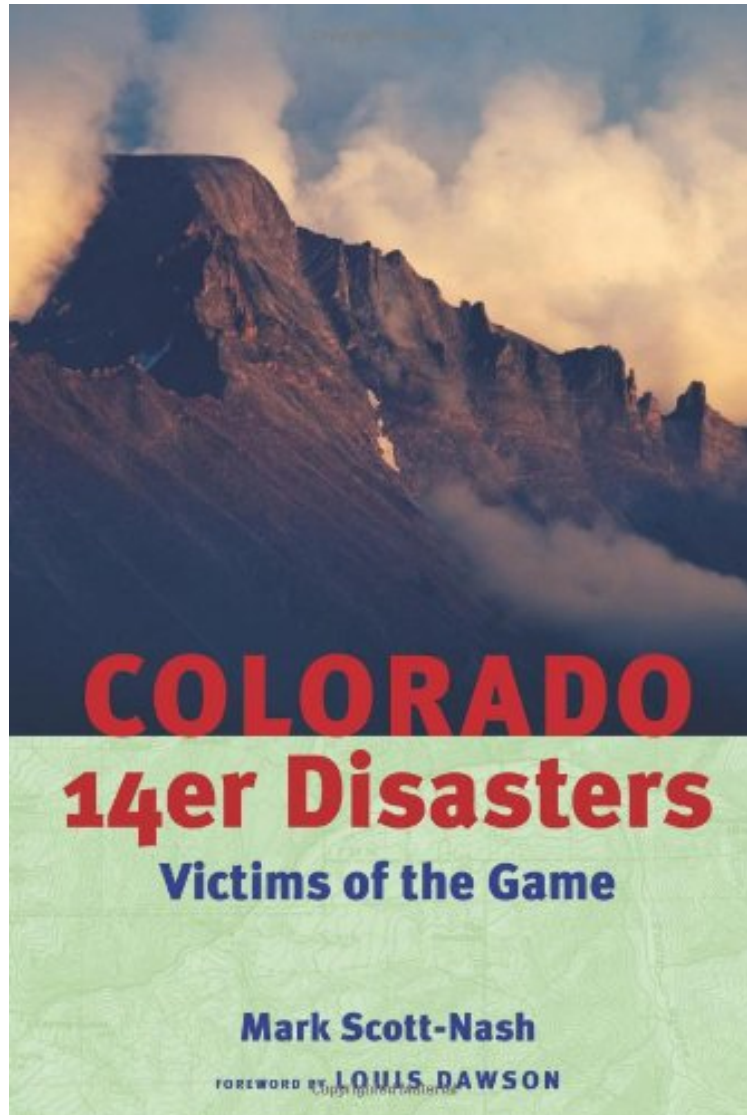


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Excellent book. I read it first on Kindle then sent my older brother a copy for his birthday. My brother and his wife had the 14er fever and had reached the summit on all but three of the mountains. They had come close on the other 3 but each time weather kept them from making the top. They are older now and haven't climbed for about ten years. They were planning to get in shape in order to try the last 3 again when they retired. After he read this book, I asked

him if he was ready to try them again. He said no, that when they climbed before they had been so lucky, that they had always climbed alone and apparently while reading the book realized they had done a lot of things wrong and he was glad they stopped when they did before they had a disaster of their own making. So thanks to this book I still have my older brother and his wife.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. You Can Relate, and Be Scared

By Matthew Morine

I would have been well served to read this book before finishing all of the 14ers, but I could not muster up the courage to do so. The book is about some of the disasters on the mountains. The stories range from talking about some of the famous deaths in the mountains, like the Talus Monkey, to some of the tourists on Longs Peak. The book is deeper than a chronicling of disasters, rather it is about how to avoid some of the costly mistakes that people make. Sometimes in the mountains, freak accidents happen, and other times, it is through errors of the hikers. What is interesting is that often mistakes compound that lead to a death. This is probably the book you would not enjoy unless you enjoy the great outdoors. Also, you will enjoy the book much more if you are engaged in some type of dangerous mountain activity. Throughout the years, I have been fortunate to not have a serious incident, but I have witnessed some highly close calls. Knowing your limits, and knowing the rules of engagement are helpful in staying alive. Another lesson is to never become overconfident. The day you believe you have it all figured out, will probably be the start of the countdown to your end. This was a good read, though sad, but one that I could relate to, and one that I put off reading for many years, but it was less anxiety producing knowing that all of the dangerous mountains have been climbed.

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By Paul

This is a must read not only for people who climb or want to climb 14ers, but for people who hike and spend time on Colorado mountains. My wife and I were surprised at how easily the victims in this book succumbed to the elements. These are eye-opening stories and force readers to reconsider pushing forward when weather has worsened or when the trail is too icy, snowy, muddy, etc. A surprising number of these stories turn tragic due to one partner convincing the other partner to push on despite fear or concern over conditions. Always follow your instinct and not your partner's tunnel vision for reaching the top.

Fourteener mania, the phenomena characterized by a seemingly obsessive drive to summit the list of all fifty-four of Colorado's 14,000-foot peaks, is an older tradition than many may realize. Along with intensely positive experiences in climbing is the possibility of the opposite extreme to become stranded, severely injured, or even killed, in disturbingly easy ways. This book explores this dark side of climbing. When an accident happens on a 14er, the victim is far from help and in an environment where rescue is difficult at best. The book is full of hair-raising stories of these disasters and rescue attempts and also aids in avoiding such disasters.

In his riveting book, Scott-Nash chronicles several Colorado alpine calamities--e.g., climbers stranded on the Diamond, a critically injured glissader, a woman missing on Holy Cross--and the often-poor decision-making that contributed. Neither sensationalistic nor coldly analytical, the stories unfold with humanity, suspense, and valuable insight.

--Kristen Bjornsen - Climbing Magazine

About the Author

Mark Scott-Nash is a writer and Colorado native living in Boulder, and has extensive experience in all aspects of mountaineering and technical climbing, ranging from the local Colorado mountains to far-flung locations in Asia, South America, and Alaska. Mark has participated in more than one hundred search and rescue missions.