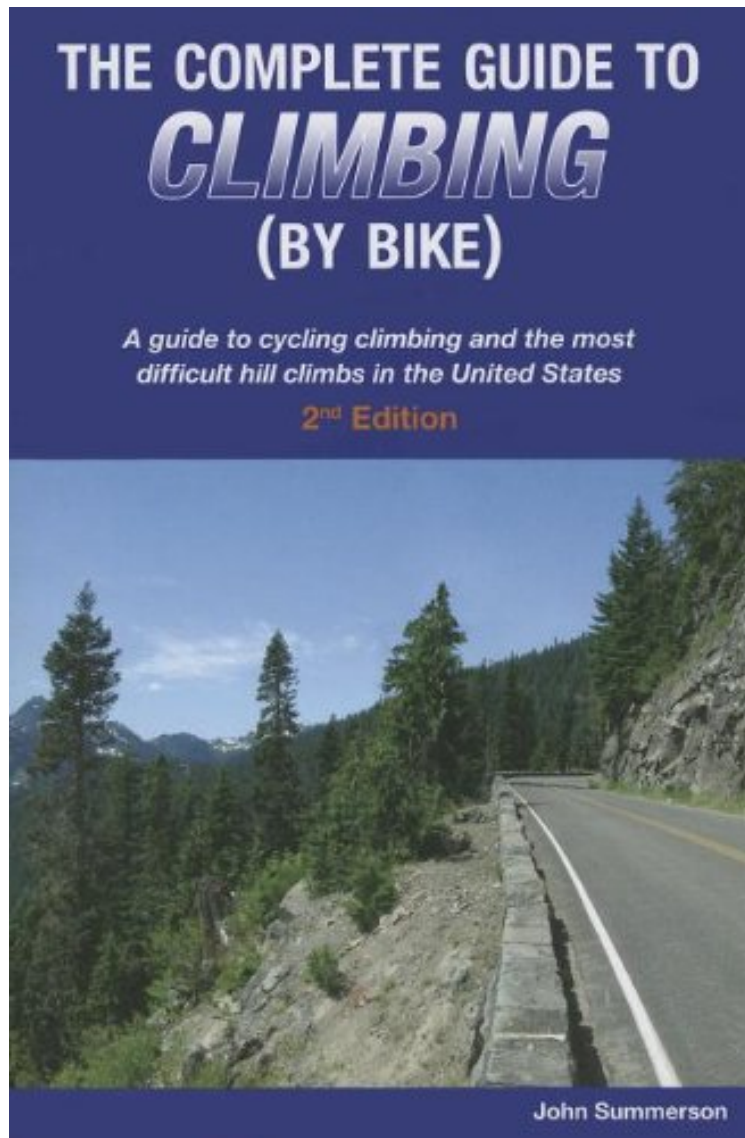


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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Better in some ways, worse in others By Alec Sharp I love Summerson's books because they are the only easy way to discover the best climbs in the country, and to get me motivated to travel and ride. I have the first edition and second edition. My trivial complaint is that climbs in the first book that I've done that were top 100 are no longer top 100 - darn. More seriously, one reason the second edition is

bigger is that the print is bigger. There are many pages of what I consider fluff - we go from page 16 to 66 without any information about the climbs. Pages 275 to 349 contain innumerable statistics on the climbs, information of little interest to me. What IS of interest is where the rides are, and the maps in the first edition are completely gone from the second edition. I want to know where the climbs are and how to get to them, and the first editions maps were very useful. I had hoped that a second edition would improve on the maps by adding other less detailed maps showing context - where the climbs are relative to major roads. Information that would be useful to non-locals. Instead, the maps have been removed in the second edition! So for the time being, I'll be using both editions of the book. I'm giving 3 stars to register my complaints about lack of maps, large print, and fluff, although since there is no competition for this book the star rating is almost meaningless. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great info - wretched organization
By T. Allen
This book contains loads of useful information about its topic - but the organization is awful. For example: you must refer to three different locations in the book in order to a) find the climb's number in the table of contents b) locate the climb on the map pages - found on pages 48-51 and c) read the climb info - which is NOT referenced by, and in fact does not even contain, the number obtained from the table of contents. This results in a lot of flipping back and forth, and searching through the book to track down basic info about a given climb. After all that you may want to refer to ANOTHER section of the book to get additional data...The data is all there, it's just difficult to get at. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. ... as presents to my husband and friends who all enjoy biking up hills
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this as presents to my husband and friends who all enjoy biking up hills. All men absolutely LOVED the book; highly recommend for hilly cyclist enthusiasts.

The Complete Guide to Climbing (By Bike) is the ultimate guide to cycling climbing and the most difficult hill climbs in the United States. Included in its 224 pages are sections on training for climbing, memorable climbing performances and other climbing resources. The most difficult U.S. climbs are described in great detail including: - Easy to read directions with maps - Accurate climb information including total elevation gain, length and average/maximum grade - Appendices include multiple climb rankings (most difficult, highest altitude attained, greatest elevation gained, steepest, etc) and profiles of the 100 most difficult American hill climbs. This book contains everything cyclists need to know to locate and tackle the toughest climbs in the U.S.

So if you are that dude or dudette who is seeking to climb some of the craziest passes in the United States and don't know how to go about it, then you need this book. Consider it the Bible if you will, because it has all the major road climbs and details about each from Lincoln Gap to Brasstown Bald. All the details are there: total elevation, average gradient, length and category. A few scenic shots are included as well as a map of the surrounding area so you can actually find the road. It's a cool book that should be kept in your glovebox, or in your back pocket if you are that crazy to seek each one by bike. Mmm...Not a bad idea! --Road Magazine
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