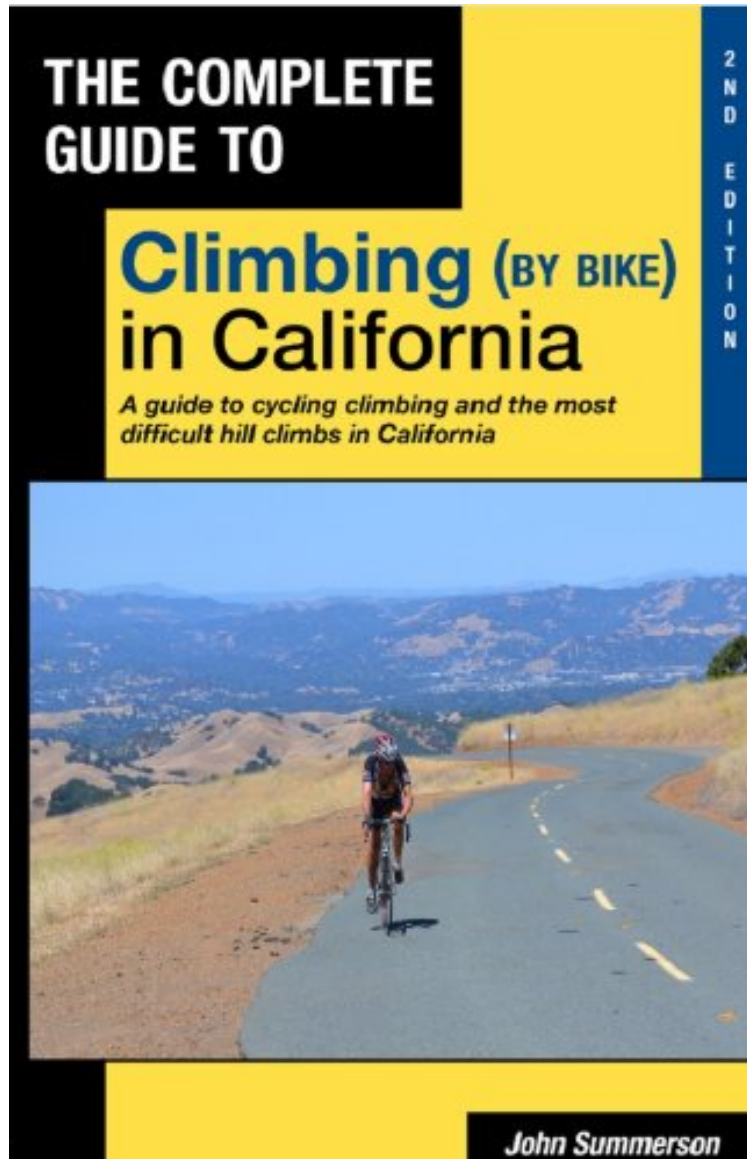


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Invaluably thorough but cumbersome to referenceBy K. C. CheverallsThis is an impressively extensive list of climbs---some well-known, many not---along with useful

descriptions and comments about each. As an introduction/guide to the major ascents in California, and as a reference for the many smaller, more esoteric climbs that only local riders are likely to be familiar with, it is invaluable. However, a major and inexplicable omission makes using this book cumbersome and frustrating: the absence of an index or of any way to cross-reference the climbs, which are listed only in non-alphabetical order in the table of contents. To find the entry for a climb of interest, the reader must manually scan the table of contents - which is 11 pages long! - for the name of the climb. The climbs are at least ordered approximately (and only approximately) by latitude, but this does not help much. And the included maps are of such low resolution and so opaquely annotated that they don't help much either. This problem is exacerbated by the fact that climbs are named in an inconsistent and opaque way. Some climbs are tersely named only for the number of the state road they use (e.g., "180" for a climb on Route 180) while others are named for a pass or summit with no reference to the (often well-known) road they follow (e.g., "Ebbetts Pass West" is of course just the westbound ascent of Route 4). On top of this, the regions California is divided into are oddly chosen: for example, Lake Tahoe, both sides of the Sierra, Death Valley, and the Santa Lucia range are lumped into a region called "Central California." There's nothing else like this guide, and its thoroughness and thoughtful descriptions make it worth putting up with the frustration of using it. It is, nevertheless, disappointing that with very little effort the author could have done justice to the thoroughness of his efforts by making them straightforward, instead of cumbersome, to access.

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Avid cyclists know that hill climbing is the crux of the sport. Getting up cycling's brutal slopes is often what separates average from elite riders. However, accurate information on this cycling sub-specialty has been lacking, particularly the location and profiling of the best road bike climbs. This situation has now been rectified as this guidebook provides California cycling peak-baggers with everything they need to know; from how best to prepare to get to the top of the mountain to the most difficult ascents. Within the multiple mountain ranges of the Golden State the top climbs are all included in these pages and within separate sections for Northern, Central and Southern California as well as the Bay Area.