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**SIMON YATES : Flame of Adventure** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Flame of Adventure:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Inspirational reading, Simon writes sparingly and wellBy A. WoodleyI haven't read Simon Yates first book, but having read this book I am determined to find a copy. Yates writes well and without pathos or ego. This is an account of his various climbs and adventures as well as misadventures along the way. Throughout he talks about the various people he knows or has climbed with along the way, and philosophises

about what drives climbers and him. The individuality of climbing, the ability to manage risk, and the risks you can and cannot manage. His prose is sparring of superlative and emotion, and yet at times it is haunting. When he writes of watching other climbers falling off the mountain I couldn't help but be moved. His writing is also very graphic, he describes his climbs and the routes he followed, even the bivvy's he makes and how they succeeded (or didn't in his early climbs). I can't help but think that he bags Joe Simpson a bit in the early days - talking about Joe's legendary escapes from two close disasters in France, and then Joe wanting to be helicoptered out of a climb they were on. He doesn't really discuss the Peru climb where Joe Simpson famously came back from death but I imagine that might be discussed in his earlier book. Yates's later account of he and Simpson filming in Canada is a nice conclusion to the story. Although this isn't quite the conclusion. Yates discusses the job he had on a building site in London where he earned the nickname 'slasher' for his role in cutting Simpson off the rope. This is a compelling read, well written and deeply satisfying - I read it through once and then went back and read it again. This is more than just a climbing book, or memoir book - it is about the nature of humanity.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Flame of Adventure By Spider Monkey The 'Flame of Adventure' shows us that Simon Yates is every bit the captivating author as his more famous friend Joe Simpson and this book keeps you gripped as you explore his various expeditions and climbing exploits. Written in simple, descriptive language you are soon transported to various mountain tops along with Simon as he battles the elements and his own levels of fitness and strength. If you like climbing books, and have tried climbing, then this book will resonate and inspire you and if not this still makes for an interesting and adventure packed read. There are also colour photos in a middle section that illustrate the various things Simon talks about. This is a relatively short book that manages to hold your attention for the duration and you are left in awe at the foolhardy and brave things Yates has gotten up to whilst climbing some of the most staggering mountain ranges in the world. A clear, engaging and enjoyable read. Feel free to check out my blog which can be found on my profile page.

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. His Life Truly Is An Adventure By Amirah I enjoyed reading Simon's book. He writes about that "Flame Of Adventure" burning deep within his soul. This guy is never boring. The middle of the book somewhat focuses off the mountain but indeed it's still an adventure. Parts of this book will make you laugh out loud (humorous). The PICS in this book are breath taking. After reading this book you'll want to watch "Touching the Void" DVD and you will truly understand where this man is coming from (I know I do)..from the name calling "slasher" (cutting the rope)..Simone takes it all in stride!! A true adventurer!! I recommend this read for any mountaineering buff.

Simon Yates is probably best known, much to his chagrin, as "the guy who cut the rope" on Joe Simpson during their descent of a new route on the West Face of the Siula Grande in the Peruvian Andes. In *Flame of Adventure*, Yates touches on this famous story and shares his perspective on climbing styles; he also shares tales of personal embarrassment, childhood experiences, and the different cultures he has encountered in his travels. He looks at himself through the eyes of "civilization," talking about using his climbing skills while working on a construction site and the terror his apparent risks triggers in other workers. He, in turn, is amazed by their perspective. This is the story of a man who lives on an adventurous, dangerous edge, frightening to many. Yet, Yates observes, countless people who once opted for safe 9-to-5 existences are now turning to extreme sports in order to put some excitement into their lives. From the Karakorum to the Eiger, Yates' accounts of his adventures both thrill and entertain. On a climb of Lobsang II he and a friend realized they had stopped short of the true summit. Rather than continue, they decided to sit in the sun and enjoy the view, and then to simply descend. Through such anecdotes Yates reflects on what matters to him and what adventure is, as well as why he and so many others find it crucial to a life well lived. Simon Yates is a British climber and has climbed with Greg Child, Doug Scott, Andy Cave, and other prominent climbers. He has worked as a mountain guide and now lectures and runs commercial expeditions. His first book, *Against the Wall*, was shortlisted for the Boardman-Tasker Award.