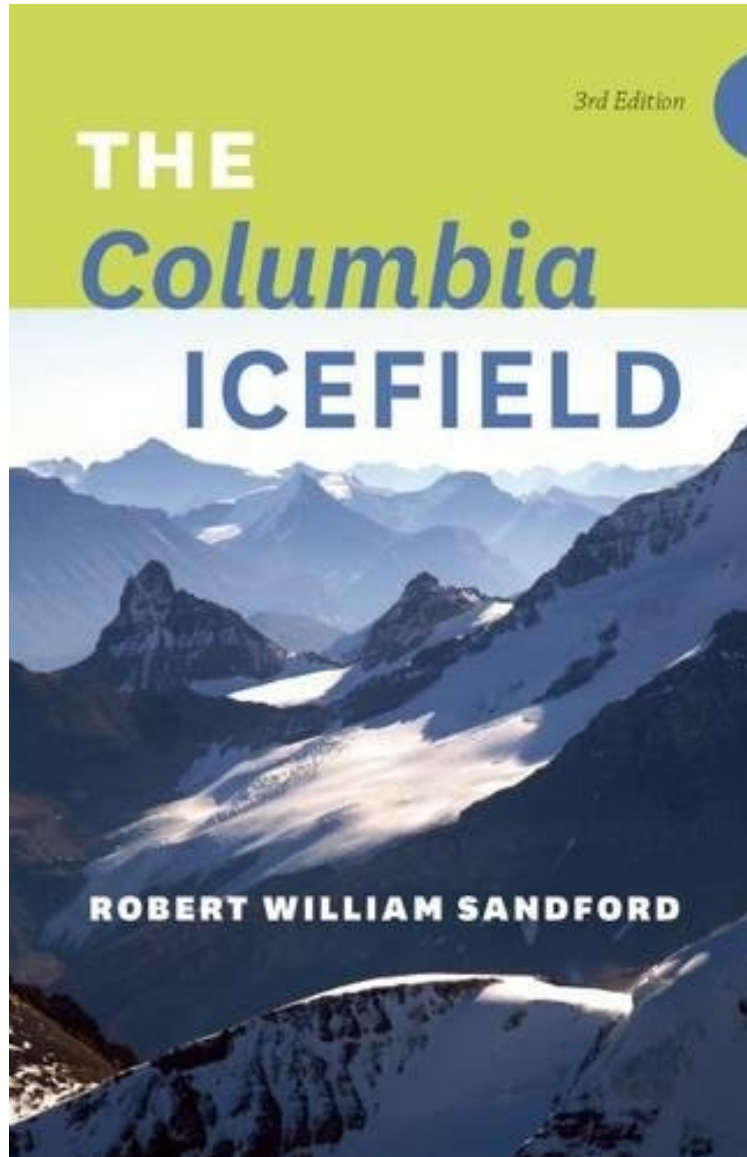


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The Columbia Icefield is the largest sub-polar accumulation of glacial ice in North America. Because it is possible to

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