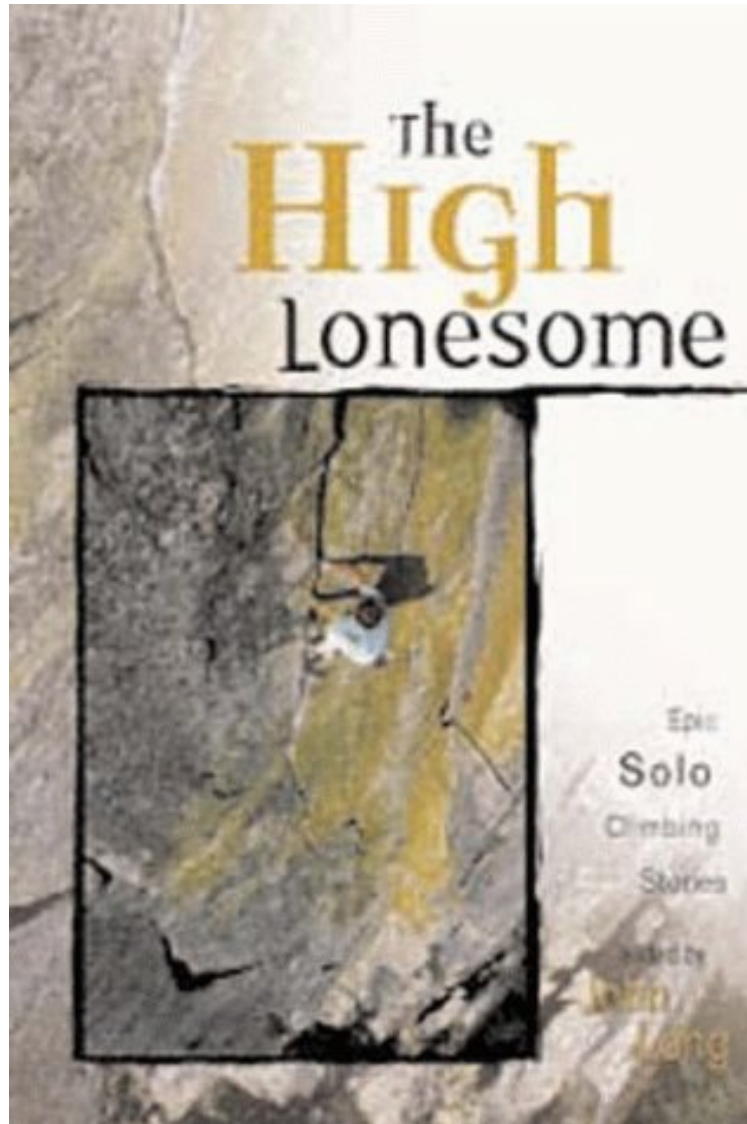


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John Long : The High Lonesome: Epic Solo Climbing Stories (Adventure) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The High Lonesome: Epic Solo Climbing Stories (Adventure):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Thought ProvokingBy FunHogAs a climber, you become comfortable with the uncomfortable, but that is because you have a rope between you and the great beyond. These

stories become even more amazing when you think deeply and appreciatively of the mental control over fear that these individuals master, which goes beyond the obvious physical mastery to climb solo. The stories give you a glimpse into the psyche of people who are true individuals. Whatever your view on their sanity or motivation, it is gripping stuff. One note, if you are John Long fan, this book is edited by Long, not written by him. But he combines great stories and insightful prologues.

1 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Good reasons to not climb alone

By Rick Spell

This is an easy, quick read that will entertain if you like climbing stories. While I enjoyed reading this book as I have all of Long's climbing stories, I just can't see the thrill of tackling mountains alone. The element of danger is raised exponentially. Therefore, I didn't identify with the climbers and why they take this risk. It does detail these climbers and why so many feel the desire to climb alone in dangerous conditions. Personally, it just made me more comfortable on an indoor rock wall. Climbers will still enjoy the read however.

1 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Good to read if you are a mountain, not rock, climber

By John Cain

The picture on the cover and the fact that I enjoy John Long's writing is what motivated me to buy the book. I am a boulderer/rock climber who has done roped solo climbing in the past (using a Silent Partner self-belay device - a little plug for that device since it worked so well for me). I should have noticed the phrase "edited by John Long" on the cover. He didn't write this book - it is a collection of individual stories. That wasn't so bad because I enjoyed some of the writing. The problem I had was that the cover shows a rock climber but the book is mainly written about solo mountain climbers. I was more interested in rock climbers. If you are a mountain climber, or ice climber, then you may enjoy this book. I'd give this book 2 stars as a rock climber (since I think it was deceiving to show a rock climber on the cover), and 4 stars if I were a mountain climber. So, I'll average it out to 3 stars.

Epic solo climbing stories that carry the reader to the world's great mountain ranges in pursuit of the ultimate climbing experience.

From the Back Cover

Solo climbing means climbing alone. It's the ultimate high-stakes highwire act, and the bottom line is clear and final: you fall, you die. But what attracts people to this lonely, seemingly insane pursuit? The answers might be found in this collection of epic solo climbing stories. Famous climber and noted soloist John Long's introductions and commentary help shed light on the inner workings of these uniquely gifted adventurers, and the stories themselves carry the reader to the world's great mountain ranges in pursuit of the ultimate climbing experience.