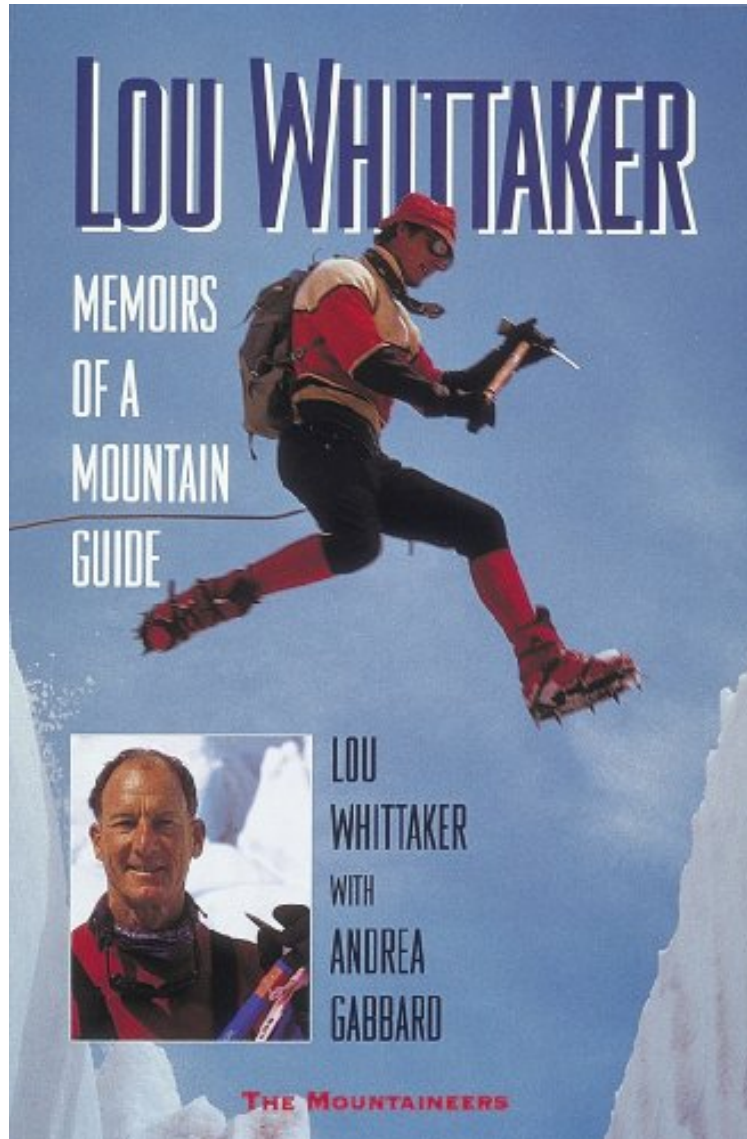


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A wonderful book to read in your tent, alone along the trailVon Robert P LutzI purchased the paperback version of this fine book in the Fall of 1998, and packed it along with me for several nights on a solo backpacking trip through the California Redwoods. The autumn nights in November were long and dark, and Lou Whittaker's book made for some

marvelous reading out there, alone in my tent along the trail...read the entire book cover-to-cover by flashlight, and it was a thriller...accompanied by real and imagined sounds that went "thump" in the night! Must admit though, I'm a bit prejudiced, as I had the good fortune of meeting Lou Whittaker in person near the summit of Mount Rainier in 1970, and came to greatly admire the fellow. Reading his new book for the first time was like reuniting with an old friend after a long absence. Definitely a MUST READ for anyone looking for a good book to take with them, along the trail.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A fascinating look at a life of a mountaineer.Von Ein KundeAs a middle aged novice mountain climber myself, I found this book a very interesting combination of great mountain climbing short stories and the personal life of a full time mountaineer. If you have any interest of ever climbing Mt. Rainier it is a must read. Mr. Whittaker does a good job of discussing his every day life as a guide on Rainier as well as relating his more adventurous tails of K2 and Everest. This book also lets the reader meet some of the great names in American and Washington climbing. For someone interested in getting into climbing I found the book to be a good source of information both on the technical and mental aspects of mountaineering. The last item I found appealing was the authors willingness to be open and honest about his lifestyle and mistakes he has made. This made him very human.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Famous climber does not equal great writer...Von Ein KundeThere's no doubt that Whittaker is one of America's best climbers. Were he only one of America's best writers as well, this book would be more enjoyable. As it is, much of the book is taken up with anecdotes in which the author proves to be smarter, tougher, and/or better prepared than someone else. The text is emotionally flat and sometimes boring, with rather little detail being given on Whittaker's climbing exploits. The author's dismissal of Galen Rowell on K2 is frankly ridiculous. There is some useful information here, but overall, it's not a book I would recommend.

Kurzbeschreibung* The only biography of this Northwest's climbing hero * Features 15 color photos* Remarkable stories of climbs on K2, Kangchenjunga, and Denali* Features stories about Jim Wickwire, Pete Schoening, John Roskelley, Joe Kennedy, Jr., Peter Whittaker, and Willi Unsoeld Lou Whittaker has been one of America's most respected climbers for more than four decades. He began his illustrious mountaineering career as a teenager in the Pacific Northwest, climbing insatiably with his twin brother, Jim. He earned coveted spots on expeditions to formidable peaks in Alaska, the Himalaya, and the Karakoram, and went on to lead the expedition that made the first American ascent of the North Col on Everest in 1984. To Northwesterners, Lou's name is synonymous with Mount Rainier, where he has guided thousands to its summit since his own first ascent of the mountain at age 19.In Lou Whittaker: Memoirs of a Mountain Guide, Lou is at his storytelling best as he shares adventures and wisdom honed from the wild times of his youth to his more recent climbs with some of the country's best mountaineers. Tales of life as a young mountain rescuer, and later as mentor to others, are filled with his trademark humor, boundless energy, and compassion. He weaves his simple and practical philosophy through memories of climbing with Jim Wickwire, Pete Schoening, John Roskelley, Joe Kennedy, Jr., and a host of other celebrities and VIPs. He recounts amazing episodes on Mount McKinley, K2, Everest, Kangchenjunga, and his beloved Mount Rainier. Evident and inspiring throughout are his love for climbing and for life -- even amidst the loss of friends and promising young proteges.When it comes down to dying, Lou says, "I want to know what it is like to have really lived."Kurzbeschreibung* The only biography of this Northwest's climbing hero * Features 15 color photos* Remarkable stories of climbs on K2, Kangchenjunga, and Denali* Features stories about Jim Wickwire, Pete Schoening, John Roskelley, Joe Kennedy, Jr., Peter Whittaker, and Willi Unsoeld Lou Whittaker has been one of America's most respected climbers for more than four decades. He began his illustrious mountaineering career as a teenager in the Pacific Northwest, climbing insatiably with his twin brother, Jim. He earned coveted spots on expeditions to formidable peaks in Alaska, the Himalaya, and the Karakoram, and went on to lead the expedition that made the first American ascent of the North Col on Everest in 1984. To Northwesterners, Lou's name is synonymous with Mount Rainier, where he has guided thousands to its summit since his own first ascent of the mountain at age 19.In Lou Whittaker: Memoirs of a Mountain Guide, Lou is at his storytelling best as he shares adventures and wisdom honed from the wild times of his youth to his more recent climbs with some of the country's best mountaineers. Tales of life as a young mountain rescuer, and later as mentor to others, are filled with his trademark humor, boundless energy, and compassion. He weaves his simple and practical philosophy through memories of climbing with Jim Wickwire, Pete Schoening, John Roskelley, Joe Kennedy, Jr., and a host of other celebrities and VIPs. He recounts amazing episodes on Mount McKinley, K2, Everest, Kangchenjunga, and his beloved Mount Rainier. Evident and inspiring throughout are his love for climbing and for life -- even amidst the loss of friends and promising young proteges.When it comes down to dying, Lou says, "I want to know what it is like to have really lived."SynopsisThe author recounts his experiences guiding climbers up Mt. Rainier and climbing other mountains around the world.