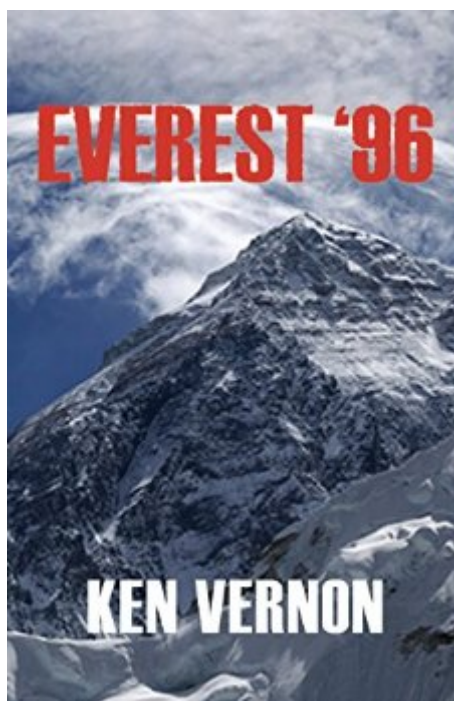


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Synopsis

Revised copy The highest mountain on the planet brings out the best in people “ and the worst. We usually only read about the best - about the bravery, the courage and the sacrifice of mountaineers who risk life and limb to achieve excellence for themselves and others. But there are other mountaineers “ the charlatans, the conmen, the bullies, the petty-minded and narcissistic - who prefer to sacrifice others to their obsession to reach the top of Mt. Everest. This book is about one of the worst! In 1996, the deadliest year in the history of climbing Mt. Everest, both types were on the mountain. But in a cruel twist of fate the good guys died while the bad guy not only reached the top, but lived to prosper from it. In a piece of top class investigative journalism Ken Vernon delves into the guts of one dysfunctional expedition that, despite being supported by the iconic Nelson Mandela, became an international laughing stock. Everest ‘96 also peels back the layers of deception surrounding the fantastic past of the man who became the most reviled in mountaineering lore. Ken Vernon is an Australian journalist with decades of experience covering stories ranging from the African wars of Independence to the climbing of Mt Everest.

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Customer Reviews

I have read all the books available regarding the 1996 Everest tragedy. And the awful characters of Ian Woodall and the sycophant Cathy O'Dowd jumped out at me (even with the drama and heartbreak of that awful night) due to their gross and indifferent behavior. I am so glad that they have been exposed and ridiculed publicly. I thank Mr. Vernon for enduring months of being in close quarters with such despicable people and writing of his experience.

I've read about a half a dozen books on the '96 Everest Climbing Season. Although, there are lots of editorial errors in this one, they didn't bother me so much based on the interesting story and perspective laid out here. What a creepy scenario to be led by a narcissistic madman like Ian Woodall on such a dangerous trek. It's Unbelievable that Ian got away with so much, and put so many through pure hell. Where is the justice? I guess there is none on Everest. You're on your own. This was better than fiction and it could make for a great horror movie about Everest. I'm happy Mr. Vernon told the story.

Exciting read and frightening at the same time. Vetting the team leader and all participants of any dangerous undertaking should be standard operating procedure. Allowing a fraud to dupe a major news organization is an unbelievable event. A lot of blame to be shared here. The real shame is that the subject of the story has been allowed to continue his shameful life without paying any real penalty for his lies and deceit. His father must be real proud of this guy!

It is a phenomenally well-documented account. Unlike arguments concerning the veracity of stories written after a post hypoxic assault on this mountain, Mr. Vernon leaves no room for doubt regarding the actions and outcomes of all players. What is it about that mountain that makes people go mad, long before they set foot on its slopes ?

Like many other readers and reviewers of this book, I have read the majority of books written on the 1996 Everest climbing season. Woodall and O'Dowd are mentioned in many of the other books, but this is the only book focused entirely on the South African Everest Expedition, (except for Woodall and O'Dowd's own version). The author, Ken Vernon, is a South African journalist who appears to have done a great deal of research for this book. I found the book to be fascinating. The downside was the numerous typos and spacing errors. Still a very interesting read.

Very informational. Great insight into the South African Team and the disaster of 1996. For

someone who is obsessed with the events of 1996, this book will be added to my collection. Very good read. There were some grammatical errors but I tend not to worry about those and pay attention to the story instead.

WOW...this book exposes Ian Woodall and Cathy O' Dowd as people who need to be institutionalized, or imprisoned, for their criminal, fraudulent behavior during the so-called "South African" Everest Expedition!! TRULY DISTURBING ...to say the least!!

I enjoyed this book very much. The only reason I didn't give a 4 star rating is due to the numerous spelling errors and words often missing or used twice together. It was very obvious it was rushed to print without much proofing. Having said this, the story itself was very interesting and enlightening.

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