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Only Her St. Martin's Press

This is photojournalist Galen Rowell's acclaimed portrait of the mountain lands of China and Tibet -- a realm the Chinese call the "middle kingdom" between earth and sky, higher and more remote than anywhere else on earth. Rowell's text sets his own adventures in this exotic region against a rich historical and cultural background, recreating the exploits of and describing the dramatic changes that recent years have wrought on Chinese life and society. From the palaces of Lhasa to the pristine strongholds of the snow leopard, the 85 splendid color photographs and compelling narrative map a geography that stretches the bounds of imagination. From the Trade Paperback edition.

[Someone Like Her](#) Harper Collins

From award-winning author Sandra Owens comes the first book in a suspenseful new series full of adventure, sparks-flying romance and companionship between a Navy SEAL, a local artist, and their dogs. Navy SEAL Jack Daniels (save the jokes, he's heard them all) and his trusty Belgian Malinois sidekick, Dakota, are back home in Asheville, North Carolina, after a bomb left them scarred. Unable to accept that he'll never be able to return to his team, Jack is looking for a miracle. What he isn't looking for is a permanent relationship, though he's open to a no-strings distraction at the magic hands of gorgeous local potter Nichole Masters. Nichole is on a losing streak with men. Her ex-boyfriend won't stay gone, a competitor is out to ruin her business and even her rescue pup, Rambo, is refusing to get in line. A chance run-in with a navy SEAL turned canine companion trainer might solve the dog problem. The fact Jack is easy on the eyes doesn't hurt, either. But when Nichole feels like she's being watched, Jack is the only person she can turn to. He's a protector and problem solver by nature and training. Accepting his protection is one thing—Nichole didn't count on falling in love. "With realistic characters, witty banter, a well-written storyline, and a bit of action thrown in, Keeping Guard will draw readers in from the first page until the last." —Harlequin Junkie Operation K-9 Brothers Book 1: Operation K-9 Brothers Book 2: Keeping Guard Book 3: Mountain Rescue K-9 Defenders Book 1: In His Protection Book 2: Her Delta Force Protector Book 3: To Hold and Protect Mountains of the Middle Kingdom Penguin

Edge of the Map is equal parts inspiring, dramatic, and heartbreaking. One of America's greatest high altitude mountaineers, Christine Boskoff was at the top of her career when she and her partner died in an avalanche in 2006. Charismatic, principled, and humble, Boskoff was also a deeply loved role model to her climbing partners and the Sherpa community. Edge of the Map traces the sharp twists and turns in Boskoff's life, from her early years as a Lockheed engineer, through her first successes in the climbing world, to her purchase of Seattle-based Mountain Madness after owner and climber Scott Fischer died in the 1996 Everest disaster. Her life was one of constant achievement mixed with personal tragedy. The story follows Boskoff as she perseveres and moves on to even bigger peaks, earning acclaim as a world-class mountaineer, then later as she finds an alpine partnership with legendary Colorado climber Charlie Fowler.

The Vast Unknown Montlake Romance

Every culture, in every era, has its adventure myths - the golden hero willing to walk through fire elevates us all beyond our fears and limits. But more often than commonly recognized, there are darker reasons for dangerous pursuits. When do mountains, poles, and oceans become merely an incidental stage for a troubled psychodrama? Where, truly, falls the line between adventure and madness? Psychologist Geoff Powter looks into the lives of eleven adventurers he calls The Burdened, The Bent, and The Lost, presenting previously unpublished information provided by witnesses, friends, and family.

K2 Vintage Canada

Known to the K2 Special Services team as "Saint," Jamie Turner lives by his own strict rules to compensate for his past sins and the two-ton boulder taking residence in his heart. He doesn't drink or smoke. He never swears. And he only dates nice, safe women until he meets Sugar Darling, the fill-in receptionist at K2. She's as sweet as her name, but this wild woman is definitely trouble, with something to hide. He knows he should avoid her...but can he? Sugar isn't hiding something--she's hiding everything. And K2 seems like the perfect place to lie low, thanks to the big, protective guys who work there. The drop-dead-handsome Saint makes her heart race, yet he keeps his distance. When Sugar's traumatic past rises up to haunt her again, she desperately turns to Saint for help, and he has to decide what's more important: playing it safe or risking everything for love.

The Chicago Cubs Carina Press

Printed in full color. Software development happens in your head. Not in an editor, IDE, or designtool. You're well educated on how to work with software and hardware, but what about wetware--our own brains? Learning new skills and new technology is critical to your career, and it's all in your head. In this book by Andy Hunt, you'll learn how our brains are wired, and how to take advantage of your brain's architecture. You'll learn new tricks and tipsto learn more, faster, and retain more of what you learn. You need a pragmatic approach to thinking and learning. You need to Refactor Your Wetware. Programmers have to learn constantly; not just the stereotypical new technologies, but also the problem domain of the application, the whims of the user community, the quirks of your teammates, the shifting sands of the industry, and the evolving characteristics of the project itself as it is built. We'll journey together through bits of cognitive and neuroscience, learning and behavioral theory. You'll see some surprising aspects of how our brains work, and how you can take advantage of the system to improve your own learning and thinking skills. In this book you'll learn how to: Use the Dreyfus Model of Skill Acquisition to become more expert Leverage the architecture of the brain to strengthen different thinking modes Avoid common "known bugs" in your mind Learn more deliberately and more effectively Manage knowledge more efficiently

Eiger Dreams Pragmatic Bookshelf

An inspiring true story about losing your place, finding your purpose, and building a community one book at a time. Wendy Welch and her husband had always dreamed of owning a bookstore, so when they left their high-octane jobs for a simpler life in an Appalachian coal town, they seized an unexpected opportunity to pursue thier dream. The only problems? A declining U.S. economy, a small town with no industry, and the advent of the e-book. They also had no idea how to run a bookstore. Against all odds, but with optimism, the help of their Virginian mountain community, and an abiding love for books, they succeeded in establishing more than a thriving business - they built a community. The Little Bookstore of Big Stone Gap is the little bookstore that could: how two people, two cats, two dogs, and thirty-eight thousand books helped a small town find its heart. It is a story about people and books, and how together they create community.

The Little Bookstore of Big Stone Gap Random House (NY)

"With realistic characters, witty banter, a well-written storyline, and a bit of action thrown in, Keeping Guard will draw readers in from the first page until the last." —Harlequin Junkie Finding the future they deserve will mean leaving the past behind... Navy SEAL Noah Alba is on extended leave after a terrible mistake resulted in the loss of his K-9 partner. He arrives in Asheville, North Carolina, hoping to get his head on straight before he returns overseas. When an old friend recruits him to train service dogs for veterans, he doesn't feel ready. Still, rambunctious rescue dog Lucky is awfully hard to resist—as is the drop-dead stunning bride Noah encounters while hiking. When she finds out her fiancé is only marrying her to gain control of her family's brewery, Peyton Sutton's I do turns into a hard pass real quick. But Peyton's father and now-jilted ex are determined to force the match at any cost. Running away can only get her so far, until Noah—and his adorably fierce canine companion—step in as an unlikely protector. Guarding a runaway bride in the close quarters of her downtown loft is no way to avoid a simmering attraction. But Peyton can't outrun her ex, and Noah can't outrun his past; they'll have to find a way to move forward together, or risk making another terrible mistake. Operation K-9 Brothers Book 1: Operation K-9 Brothers Book 2: Keeping Guard Book 3: Mountain Rescue

Her Delta Force Protector Little, Brown

A woman on the run. A wounded SEAL who wants to become invisible. Two strangers, one mountain cabin. The sole witness to a murder, stuntwoman Rachel Denning thought she'd found the perfect hideout in a remote cabin just outside Asheville, North Carolina. Until a strange man appears in her bedroom. After a few terrifying moments, she realizes it's a mix-up—he's not there to kill her—and Rachel finds herself with an unexpected protector in the form of a navy SEAL. Dallas Manning is just trying to recover. After being rescued from the Taliban, he's on extended leave. Finding his mountain retreat occupied by a gorgeous knife-wielding stranger isn't part of his recovery plan, and neither is training dogs. But an old friend enlists him to help train service dogs for veterans, and Dallas recognizes himself in Bella, a dog rescued from a bad situation. All Dallas wants is to be left alone so he can get his head straight, but Rachel stirs his protective instincts. Being trapped together makes it impossible to ignore their growing attraction, but neither of them can outrun their pasts. They'll have to find a way forward together or risk losing it all. "With realistic characters, witty banter, a well-written storyline, and a bit of action thrown in, Keeping Guard will draw readers in from the first page until the last." —Harlequin Junkie Operation K-9 Brothers Book 1: Operation K-9 Brothers Book 2: Keeping Guard Book 3: Mountain Rescue K-9 Defenders Book 1: In His Protection Book 2: Her Delta Force Protector Book 3: To Hold and Protect

Into the Clouds: The Race to Climb the World's Most Dangerous Mountain (Scholastic Focus) Carina Press

"It's been a year since Ryan O'Connor buried his wife. He was in Afghanistan as a SEAL medic when the call came that she'd been killed during a robbery. In that time, he returned home, nursed his grief, and joined his former brothers-in-arms in the K2 Special Services. After a bad breakup with her ex, Charlene "Charlie" Morgan finds happiness only when flying the friendly skies--as an aerobatic stunt pilot. But the skies aren't so friendly when her plane troubles turn out to be the work of sabotage. Looking to forget their worries, Charlie and Ryan run into each other at a bar. The chemistry is instant and intense. It's only supposed to be a one-night stand. But the memory of their passionate kiss lingers, and when Ryan shows up at Charlie's flight school, their romance takes off. Yet the route to love has its own turbulence--secrets, lies, and danger. Can one night lead to something lasting?"--Page [4] of cover.

The Onion Book of Known Knowledge Carina Press

The phenomenal New York Times bestseller that "explores the upstairs-downstairs goings-on of a posh Parisian apartment building" (Publishers Weekly). In an elegant hôtel particulier in Paris, Renée, the concierge, is all but invisible—short, plump, middle-aged, with bunions on her feet and an addiction to television soaps. Her only genuine attachment is to her cat, Leo. In short, she's everything society expects from a concierge at a bourgeois building in an upscale neighborhood. But Renée has a secret: She furtively, ferociously devours art, philosophy, music, and Japanese culture. With biting humor, she scrutinizes the lives of the tenants—her inferiors in every way except that of material wealth. Paloma is a twelve-year-old who lives on the fifth floor. Talented and precocious, she's come to terms with life's seeming futility and decided to end her own on her thirteenth birthday. Until then, she will continue hiding her extraordinary intelligence behind a mask of mediocrity, acting the part of an average pre-teen high on pop culture, a good but not outstanding student, an obedient if obstinate daughter. Paloma and Renée hide their true talents and finest qualities from a world they believe cannot or will not appreciate them. But after a wealthy Japanese man named Ozu arrives in the building, they will begin to recognize each other as kindred souls, in a novel that exalts the quiet victories of the inconspicuous among us, and "teaches philosophical lessons by shrewdly exposing rich secret lives hidden beneath conventional exteriors" (Kirkus Reviews). "The narrators' kinetic minds and engaging voices (in Alison Anderson's fluent translation) propel us ahead." —The New York Times Book Review "Barbery's sly wit . . . bestows lightness on the most ponderous cogitations." —The New Yorker

To Hold and Protect Mountaineers Books

Mountaineering.

Death by Food Pyramid W. W. Norton & Company

No one writes about mountaineering and its attendant hardships and victories more brilliantly than critically acclaimed author Jon Krakauer. In this collection of his finest work from such magazines as Outside and Smithsonian, he explores the subject from the unique and memorable perspective of one who has battled peaks like K2, Denali, Everest, and, of course, the Eiger. Always with a keen eye, an open heart, and a hunger for the ultimate experience, he gives us unerring portraits of the mountaineering experience. Yet Eiger Dreams is more about people than about rock and ice—people with that odd, sometimes maniacal obsession with mountain summits that sets them apart from other men and women. Here we meet Adrian the Romanian, determined to be the first of his countrymen to solo Denali; John Gill, climber not of great mountains but of house-sized boulders so difficult to

surmount that even demanding alpine climbs seem easy; and many more compelling and colorful characters. In the most intimate piece, "The Devils Thumb," Krakauer recounts his own near-fatal, ultimately triumphant struggle with solo-madness as he scales Alaska's Devils Thumb. *Eiger Dreams* is stirring, vivid writing about one of the most compelling and dangerous of all human pursuits.

Ultimate High Rowman & Littlefield

A small town sheriff running from her past learns to love again in the first book in K-9 Defenders, a suspenseful new romance series from award-winning author Sandra Owens. Every small town has its secrets... Chief of police Tristan Church likes Marsville just the way it is. He has his job and his police dog, Fuzz, for company. He could have Sheriff Skylar Morgan, too, but she's determined to keep him at arm's length, even if the one night they shared was unforgettable. Skylar can't deny that the connection she has with Tristan is unlike anything she's ever felt before. She loves Marsville, but while most of the town is happy with her as Sheriff, it's been a long, hard road proving herself. Dating the town's beloved police chief is the last thing her reputation needs—even if it's exactly what her heart wants. But when their sleepy little town is suddenly full of dangers, it's clear that someone is targeting Skylar. She and Tristan must work together to find the culprit...and as the threat against her grows, so does the intimacy between them. With their lives on the line, can they trust their hearts not to break? K-9 Defenders Book 1: In His Protection Book 2: Her Delta Force Protector Book 3: To Hold and Protect Operation K-9 Brothers Book 1: Operation K-9 Brothers Book 2: Keeping Guard Book 3: Mountain Rescue

In His Protection Harlequin / SB Creative

In twenty heavy chapters, this book chronicles Anselmi's experiences growing up as a straight edge, BMX-riding metalhead in Rock Springs, Wyoming, a place with one of the highest per capita suicide rates in the United States. His grandpa was a well-known businessman and politician in the area, and was featured in a 1977 60 Minutes episode for his alleged connections to organized crime. This is only the beginning of Anselmi's heavy saga, and it interweaves all of the social and personal history one might expect from a story like this—including Black Sabbath, Pantera, and Metallica logo tattoos, explorations in LSD, metal, and BMX culture, self-loathing and sobriety, and—finally—a very unique perspective on what it means to live in a heavy fucking world.

Heavy Carina Press

New York Times Bestseller "A refreshingly unadorned account of the true brutality of climbing K2, where heroes emerge and egos are stripped down, and the only thing achieving immortality is the cold ruthless mountain." — Norman Ollestad, author of *Crazy for the Storm* In this riveting work of narrative nonfiction, New York Times journalist Graham Bowley re-creates one of the most dramatic tales of death and survival in mountaineering history—the 2008 K2 ascent that claimed the lives of eleven climbers In the tradition of *Into Thin Air* and *Touching the Void*, *No Way Down* is the harrowing account of the worst mountain climbing disaster on K2, second to Everest in height. . . but second to no peak in terms of danger. On August 1, 2008, no fewer than eight international teams of mountain climbers—some experienced, others less prepared—ascended K2, the world's second-highest mountain, with the last group reaching the summit at 8 p.m. Then disaster struck. A huge ice chunk came loose above a deadly three-hundred-foot avalanche-prone gully, destroying the fixed guide ropes. More than a dozen climbers—many without oxygen and some with no headlamps—faced the nearly impossible task of descending in the blackness with no guideline and no protection. Over the course of the chaotic night, some would miraculously make it back. Others would not. From tragic deaths to unbelievable stories of heroism and survival, *No Way Down* is an amazing feat of storytelling and adventure writing, and, in the words of explorer and author Sir Ranulph Fiennes, "the closest you can come to being on the summit of K2 on that fateful day."

Strange and Dangerous Dreams St. Martin's Press

From the award-winning and bestselling author of *Cod* comes the dramatic, human story of a simple substance, an element almost as vital as water, that has created fortunes, provoked revolutions, directed economies and enlivened our recipes. Salt is common, easy to obtain and inexpensive. It is the stuff of kitchens and cooking. Yet trade routes were established, alliances built and empires secured – all for something that filled the oceans, bubbled up from springs, formed crusts in lake beds, and thickly veined a large part of the Earth's rock fairly close to the surface. From pre-history until just a century ago – when the mysteries of salt were revealed by modern chemistry and geology – no one knew that salt was virtually everywhere. Accordingly, it was one of the most sought-after commodities in human history. Even today, salt is a major industry. Canada, Kurlansky tells us, is the world's sixth largest salt producer, with salt works in Ontario playing a major role in satisfying the Americans' insatiable demand. As he did in his highly acclaimed *Cod*, Mark Kurlansky once again illuminates the big picture by focusing on one seemingly modest detail. In the process, the world is revealed as never before.

Hunt the Wolf Penguin

After his first Cubs game when Rich Cohen was eight, his father asked him to make a promise. "Promise me you will never be a Cubs fan. The Cubs do not win," he explained, "and because of that, a Cubs fan will have a diminished life determined by low expectations. That team will screw up your life." Here he captures the story of the team, its players and crazy days-- not just what happened, but what it felt like and what it meant. He searches for the cause of the famous curse, and came to see the curse as a burden but also as a blessing.

Someone Like Her Harper Collins

Explosive, revealing, and intelligent, *The Red Circle* provides a uniquely personal glimpse into one of the most challenging and secretive military training courses in the world. Now including an excerpt from *The Killing School: Inside the World's Deadliest Sniper Program BEFORE HE COULD FORGE A BAND OF ELITE WARRIORS... HE HAD TO BECOME ONE HIMSELF*. Brandon Webb's experiences in the world's most elite sniper corps are the stuff of legend. From his grueling years of training in Naval Special Operations to his combat tours in the Persian Gulf and Afghanistan, *The Red Circle* provides a rare and riveting look at the inner workings of the U.S. military through the eyes of a covert operations specialist. Yet it is Webb's distinguished second career as a lead instructor for the shadowy "sniper cell" and Course Manager of the Navy SEAL Sniper Program that trained some of America's finest and deadliest warriors—including Marcus Luttrell and Chris Kyle—that makes his story so compelling. Luttrell credits Webb's training with his own survival during the ill-fated 2005 Operation Redwing in Afghanistan. Kyle went on to become the U.S. military's top marksman, with more than 150 confirmed kills. From a candid chronicle of his student days, going through the sniper course himself, to his hair-raising close calls with Taliban and al Qaeda forces in the northern Afghanistan wilderness, to his vivid account of designing new sniper standards and training some of the most accomplished snipers of the twenty-first century, Webb provides a rare look at the making of the Special Operations warriors who are at the forefront of today's military.

Into Thin Air Europa Editions

Former SEAL sniper Cody Roberts has returned from Afghanistan with too many demons and a simple wish: to be left alone. Working for K2 Special Services, caring for the war dogs he rescued, playing his guitar--that's all he wants to do. But Cody is as protective as his nickname, "Dog," suggests. A man like that can't sit back when he realizes the beautiful veterinarian next door is being targeted by an unknown enemy. Riley Austin is desperate to find out who's poisoning her animal patients, and she's stunned by her mysterious neighbor's suggestion that it's personal. But Cody makes her feel something else, too: a powerful attraction. He insists he's no good for her, but those haunted eyes and that chiseled body tell Riley that surrendering

to their mutual lust is worth the risk. And despite his conditions--no falling for each other, no regrets once it's over--she'll fight to love him just as fiercely as he'll fight to save her.