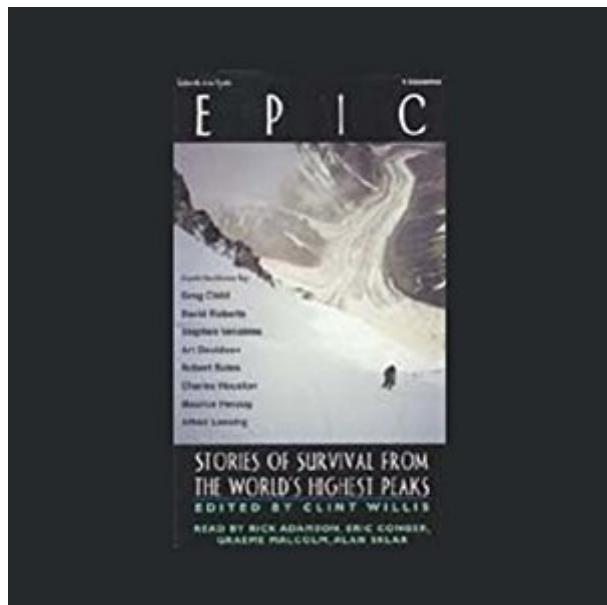


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# Epic: Stories Of Survival From The World's Highest Peaks



## **Synopsis**

"Epic" is a mountaineering term that evokes a sense of treacherous disaster. The climb that went wrong: fighting blinding snowstorms and horrific avalanches; days spent tentbound running low on food, water, and oxygen; surviving broken bones and shattered spirits. This program offers a collection of the most memorable accounts of legend-making expeditions to the world's most famous peaks, often in the worst possible conditions.

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A rather commercial book! This is a compilation of reports of well known mountaineers on their glorious deeds on the highest and also mostly exploited mountains of the world, the Mt. Everest and the K2. It comprises a period of 60 years. Among the writers are exclusively protagonists, such names as Messner, Smythe, Bonatti, Bonington and others who report about their personal experiences. Triumph and tragedy are nowhere so much close together as in the high altitude mountaineering. This becomes clear with this collection of stories. But thirst for glory and self-affirmation are also always included. They only remain unspoken mostly. So far mountaineers are always egoists. And this is often in conflict with the ethos which regards man as superior to his deeds. Of these one can read a lot, self-criticism is not the potency of the aspirant up-coming. Is this all not going to become boring in the era of commercialization of those peaks and of the purchasability of adventures? No, because human tragedies as well as man's victories are again fascinating. And it is not always the big deals! Fears and longings! Joys and grief! The one is tested hard when he climbs above a precipice on an alu-ladder on Everest North Col, the other is longing for the sunrise over China which will lessen the icy wind on the K2 and bring some warmth for the

freezing hands and feet. Nobody is satisfied with the spectacular views from base camp! In the death zone everybody is for himself, is often asserted. Matt Dickinson's contribution tries to make this clear. He climbed the mountain 1996, at the same time as Lene Gammelgard, for who it was also the first adventure of such impact. She also wrote a report on the drama of these days. Mountains are mainly high, but mostly they have deep impact (and depth effect).

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