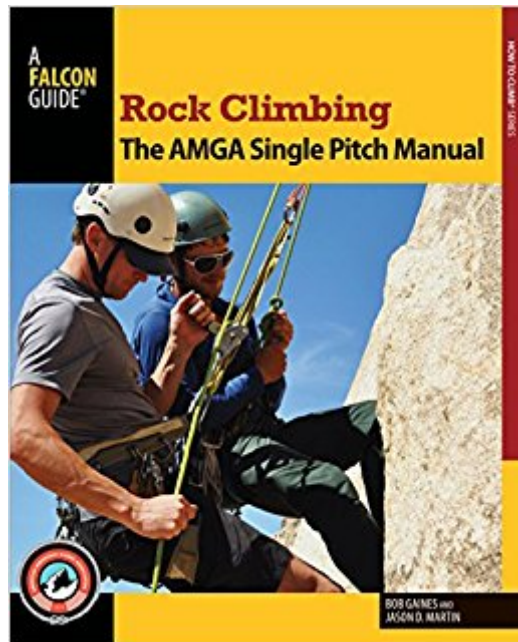


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# Rock Climbing: The AMGA Single Pitch Manual (How To Climb Series)



## Synopsis

Rock Climbing: The AMGA Single Pitch Manual is intended to serve as a textbook for past and future participants of the AMGA SPI program. The book builds upon Bob Gaines' book, Toproping, to more specifically address the needs of the professional climbing instructor and advanced recreational climbers. It presents the most current, internationally recognized standards for technical climbing systems used in single pitch rock terrain. Included are chapters on effective teaching in the outdoor environment, risk management, professionalism, environmental awareness, and rescue

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This book provides a good overview of what you'll need to know for your AMGA Single Pitch Instructor (SPI) course and assessment. If you plan to take that course this book is a no-brainer. You just have to buy it and read it. There are a few shortcomings: \* The photos of how to tie the knots skip a lot and it is impossible to learn the knots from the book. \* The photos of what not to do should be clearly labeled with a red cross bar or WRONG overlay on the photo. If you flip causally through the book and look at the photos some very wrong stuff is there and you have to read the text to know that it is not recommended. \* The religious debate on anchor systems rages on. Should you set up a Joshua Tree System with Tether or a Backside System? I realize the AMGA doesn't want to pick sides and will say either is acceptable, but the book doesn't even try to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of various anchor systems.

I bought this book to supplement my lessons with an AMGA guide to learn how to set up top rope climbs. I used it many times to practice and reinforce everything I learned. It is really well written and my favorite book in terms of the knowledge contained within. As common sense would dictate this is not a book to teach you how to top rope...it is a reference to what you have learned?

Fantastic instructional manual if you already have some basic knowledge of anchors, ropework and climbing technique. It is written as an instructional manual for climbers looking to turn into guides so if you're brand new this probably isn't the best option for you.

Serves as excellent preparation for the SPI course. If you're looking for info on knots, hitches, gear & top roping this is the book for you. Plenty of pictures to walk you through the steps. I highly recommend it.

Anyone taking the Assessment for the first time should get the book and really go through it. It has a lot of excellent info on it for the experienced climber as well as the new climber. The book has a lot of pictures that show examples of skills that one will be tested on the AMGA SPI Assessment.

Great book definitely recommend it for any climber specially if you aspire to become an AMGA Single Pitch Instructor but it's great text for anyone that's into the sport

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