

Backcountry Avalanche Awareness

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* For intermediate-to-advanced backcountry skiers* Includes trip planning, navigation, fitness, and avalanche safety information, in addition to techniques* Provides advice on how to make well-informed backcountry decisions Martin Volken and his co-authors provide skiers with all the tools and knowledge they need to safely and successfully travel in the mountain backcountry. The guide features intermediate-to-advanced techniques for ski touring and ski mountaineering, from planning backcountry trips to perfecting turns in rolling terrain and mastering uphill climbing. For those skiers ready for a more technical, high alpine environment, they draw on traditional mountaineering skills, including roped climbing, setting protection anchors, using ice axes, climbing on bare rock, and more. In addition to mastering techniques, Backcountry Skiing also features information on recent evolutions in ski equipment; avalanche safety tips; a primer on mountain weather and glaciers, trip planning tools, a discussion of emergency situations, nutrition and fitness advice, and winter camping basics. Throughout this guide, a special emphasis is put on being well-informed and making good decisions - whenever you strap on your skis and skins and head out into the backcountry.

A collection of breathtaking photographs showcasing some of Australia's most beautiful - and most endangered - old growth trees. Equal parts tribute and call to action, Old Growth will inspire and have you thinking twice about the future of our forests and of the world at large. Updated for the first time in ten years, the "bible of Eastern backcountry skiing" returns with an all-new edition, fully revised to reflect the latest and greatest off-piste lines--as well as the trove of newly created and rehabilitated ski glades in New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, New York, and Massachusetts.

On January 20, 2003, at 10:45 a.m., a massive avalanche in the Selkirk Range of British Columbia struck three members of two guided backcountry skiing groups and buried them. After a frantic hour of digging by those still standing, an unthinkable outcome became reality: seven people were dead. The tragedy made international news, splashing photos of the seven dead Canadian and US skiers on television screens and newspaper pages. The official analysis was that guide error was not a contributing factor in the accident. This interpretation was insufficient for some of the victims' families, the public and some members of the guiding community. Buried is the assistant guide's story. It renders an answerable truth about what happened by delving deep into the human factors that played into putting people in harm's way as well as the peace that comes from accountability and the personal growth that results from understanding.

This updated, expert ski guide provides top-of-the-line insight for backcountry/off-piste skiers and guides. The Ski Guide Manual presents wisdom earned through decades of experience guiding and. The result is a successful system of travel and risk management in the winter environment. The collective work of thousands of mountain guides have proven how to have the most fun and find the best snow, all while reducing risk of avalanche, cold, crevasses, and optimize group dynamics.

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Book which focuses on teaching backcountry travellers to recognize, evaluate, and avoid avalanche hazards by gathering available key information and clues from the snowpack, weather, and terrain.

New parents and parents of toddlers face unique challenges when it comes to planning outdoor trips. "Family-friendly trail" is often a misleading phrase, and doesn't take young children under the age of 5 into consideration, whose safety and comfort require a different perspective. The unpredictable nature of little ones leads many parents to put their adventure

dreams on the back burner, missing out on years of meaningful experiences as a family. Hike it Baby presents 100 outdoor adventures across the U.S. that you can take with babies and toddlers (really!), along with everything you need to know about exploring the natural world. Sourced from real families using Hike it Baby's trail-tested system, this book helps moms and dads get out there in their comfort zone, yet feel like hardcore adventurers! Whether you've always wanted to hike part of the Appalachian Trail, splash around in gentle Northwest waterfalls, or scramble up rocks in the desert surrounded by Joshua Trees, this book shows you how to plan a truly memorable journey together.

ABCs of Avalanche Safety, 3rd Edition is still the handy pocket guide offered at a bargain price. And it is still loaded with the vital information you need to survive in the mountains: how to determine potential avalanche hazard, traveling safely in avalanche terrain, what to do if you're caught in an avalanche, and search and rescue techniques. A respected authority since 1961, this enduring classic has been updated with the very latest research in the field, including avalanche transceiver technology.

Snow avalanches are the greatest source of danger for mountain travellers in winter. This book focuses on two basic user groups: those who wish to avoid avalanche hazard by careful route-finding, and those who deliberately seek steep slopes to ski or board. It explains the basics of snow and avalanches, and identifies the avalanche terrain.

Presents historical background on ski mountaineering, which is climbing a mountain on skis and then skiing down the slopes, and offers tips on climbing and skiing specific mountains. Detailed descriptions and topographic maps for more than 20 tours--including Tuckerman Ravine--plus important gear and safety information, make this guide a must-have for every backcountry skier.

Utah skiers claim to have "the greatest snow on earth," and this revised and updated edition guides readers to the best backcountry ski tours in the state. Backcountry expert Tyson Bradley takes skiers from the urban backcountry of the Wasatch Front to spectacular desert destinations in Zion and Bryce, with detailed maps and information on backcountry equipment, techniques, and safety. Ski Utah!

Everyone who visits the mountains need to have an understanding of avalanches and the threat they pose. This book provides simple strategies for identifying avalanche terrain and avalanche conditions and teaches rescue techniques. Reflects the best in current avalanche knowledge, applied to New Zealand's unique mountain environment.--Cover.

Edward Power sets the reader down in the midst of a February 2017 blizzard that raked Utah's Uinta Range as nine snowboarders made their way into the backcountry for a day of intense adventure. As the boarders were taking their first turns, expert avalanche forecaster Craig Gordon was tracking the storm and its impact, posting one of the most dire avalanche forecasts and warnings in his career. In *Dragons in the Snow*, Power delves into the research and science behind avalanche forecasting and rescue, weaving in the art of backcountry skiing as well as dramatic tales of avalanche accidents, rescues, and recoveries. And he paints compelling portraits of the men and women who have made the study of avalanches their life's work. The tales told by these avalanche forecasters, as well as the stories of the backcountry riders who may "wake the dragon" make for not just a compelling read, but also a powerful tool for raising avalanche awareness in everyone who plays in the winter backcountry.

Use of backcountry areas in winter by crosscountry skiers, snowshoers, climbers,

snowmobilers and others has increased rapidly in the Mt. Hood area of Oregon in recent years. With this increase in use a larger segment of the user population is being exposed to potential a., pl. H11 Winger. purpose of this study is to analyze the effectiveness of avalanche warning programs in the Mt. Hood area. In order to do this the current warning program was analyzed by the investigator and winter backcountry users were questioned as to how effective they thought it was. In conjunction the user's avalanche awareness was tested; their travel routes were recorded (primarily in relation to hazardous vs. nonhazardous terrain); the user's winter backcountry and climbing experience recorded; and their avalanche safety and awareness training recorded. Three study locations were used during all but two weekends from January 15, 1977, to March 26, 1977. The study locations- were at Timberline Lodge (and areas accessible from the lodge), White River Canyon and Hood River Meadows and adjoining areas. All areas were on the slopes of Mt. Hood. Methods used in the study included: on-the-ground surveys (supplemented by aerial photographs) to map the avalanche paths within the study areas; recording the location of all avalanche warning signs and observing the degree of use they received; on-site interviews and mailback questionnaires to gather backcountry experience and education information from the user and test their avalanche awareness; and periodic ski trips into the study areas to survey use patterns. Results showed that 33.5 percent of the people were traveling in potentially hazardous avalanche terrain. The potential for people to reach hazardous terrain with minimal experience was clear when terrain was reviewed and the low level of experience of some people traveling in such terrain analyzed. The U.S. Forest Service has begun an avalanche warning and awareness program in the Mt. Hood area. Analysis showed that few people took advantage of avalanche hazard information available through the Forest Service: only 16.3 percent had checked with the Forest Service to find out avalanche conditions in the Mt. Hood area; only slightly more people (29.3 percent) were aware of the avalanche advisory sign (advising people of avalanche conditions in the backcountry areas on the south and west sides of Mt. Hood); and visual observations showed that few people made a point to read posted avalanche warning signs in the backcountry areas. The reasons why the warning and awareness program are riot successful are: 1) the low avalanche awareness of users in the backcountry areas of Mt. Hood (in the sample less than eight percent of the people scored above 70 percent on the avalanche awareness test out of a total of 30 points possible); 2) the inability of signs currently in use to effectively transmit the message; and 3) the ineffectiveness of currently available avalanche safety programs and the way in which they are made available. Methods for improving the warning and awareness program are suggested in Chapter five. It is felt that increasing numbers of people participating in winter backcountry activities and the ease with which hazardous areas are accessable make the need for a good and efficient program imperative.

A guide on backcountry safety for snowboarders: riding techniques for reducing risks, methods for recognizing avalanche hazards, procedures for conducting field tests for recognizing unstable snow, methods for selecting low-risk routes, and telephone numbers for avalanche conditions in the United States and Canada.

This guide features detailed descriptions and topographic maps of two dozen classic ski and snowboard tours, plus tips on safety in the wilderness.

The dynamic duo has done it again! Following up on the incredible success of their two previous bestsellers, Allen and Mike's Really Cool Backcountry Ski Book and Really Cool Telemark Tips, these two National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) instructors and hardcore backcountry fanatics once again combine their years of experience into a hilarious and vastly informative book on the art of backpacking. Fans know how Allen O'Bannon and Mike Clelland play off each other to provide a one-two punch that makes readers laugh and learn at the same time. Beginning backpackers will cherish the advice, and experts who think they know it all are guaranteed to pick up a few tricks from this book -- while the entertainment value alone is worth the price. From day-hiking to extended expeditions, this book covers the whole spectrum of backpacking adventure and is certain to become a classic of the genre. Allen O'Bannon is a senior NOLS instructor who writes books to support his ski habit. Mike Clelland is a NOLS instructor and illustrator who studied Mad magazine rather than go to art school. When not teaching NOLS classes, they live in Idaho, in the shadow of the Tetons.

Avalanche safety educator Bruce Tremper's recently published *Avalanche Essentials* is a terrific little tome that condenses the conventional wisdom into 189 pages. The book is profusely illustrated with numerous diagrams and real-life photos. A thorough index rounds things out, making the book useful for research or as a fulcrum during safety classes and seminars. -- Wildsnow.com [CLICK HERE](#) to download the first chapter on "How Dangerous Is The Brain" from *Avalanche Essentials* * Easy-to-understand safety tips and checklists to help anyone stay safer in avalanche terrain * Small, take-along resource to reference in the field and assist decision making * Companion to *Staying Alive in Avalanche Terrain*, the bestselling avalanche text in the U.S. Winter athletes don't necessarily want to be snow scientists, but playing in avalanche country does require basic knowledge of the risks in order to stay safe. This new guide by renowned avalanche expert Bruce Tremper is simple, accessible, and offers just the basics — an Everyman's guide to avalanche safety that won't overtax your average ski bums, but will keep them safe when they're going for 12 consecutive months of powder. *Avalanche Essentials* is for everyone who wants to learn the fundamentals of avalanche awareness, focusing on systems and checklists, step-by-step procedures, decision-making aids, visual terrain and weather cues, rescue techniques, gear, and more. *Avalanche Essentials* is intended for broader use by skiers, snowboarders, snowmobilers, hikers, climbers, and snowshoers.

Because it steers clear of more complex topics (e.g., snow metamorphism), it's perfect for generalists as well as anyone who has studied avalanche safety and likes to keep a pocket reference while in potentially dangerous terrain.

The never-before-told story of one of the worst rail disasters in U.S. history in which two trains full of people, trapped high in the Cascade Mountains, are hit by a devastating avalanche. In February 1910, a monstrous blizzard centered on Washington State hit the Northwest, breaking records. The world stopped—but nowhere was the danger more terrifying than near a tiny town called Wellington, perched high in the Cascade Mountains, where a desperate situation evolved minute by minute: two trainloads of cold, hungry passengers and their crews found themselves marooned without escape, their railcars gradually being buried in the rising drifts. For days, an army of the Great Northern Railroad's most dedicated men—led by the line's legendarily courageous superintendent, James O'Neill—worked round-the-clock to rescue the trains. But the storm was unrelenting, and to the passenger's great anxiety, the railcars—their only shelter—were parked precariously on the edge of a steep ravine. As the days passed, food and coal supplies dwindled. Panic and rage set in as snow accumulated deeper and deeper on the cliffs overhanging the trains. Finally, just when escape seemed possible, the unthinkable occurred: the earth shifted and a colossal avalanche tumbled from the high pinnacles, sweeping the trains and their sleeping passengers over the steep slope and down the mountainside. Centered on the astonishing spectacle of our nation's deadliest avalanche, Gary Krist's *The White Cascade* is the masterfully told story of a supremely dramatic and never-before-documented American tragedy. An adventure saga filled with colorful and engaging history, this is epic narrative storytelling at its finest.

50 Classic Backcountry Ski and Snowboard Summits in California offers some of the finest ski and snowboard descents in California, ranging over a 550-mile span from the Cascade Range in the north, to Mount Whitney, to the Sierra Nevada in the south. Grouped into nine geographical regions, these summits represent the best of the best from well-known destinations to more remote areas to a sampling of the highest peaks.

- 100 routes, reorganized and reviewed for this edition
- 15 all-new routes
- New photographs throughout

Snowshoe Routes: Washington, 3rd Edition puts you on the 100 best trails in the state, all within easy driving from major cities! Among other improvements, this new edition offers an expanded at-a-glance chart, featuring new categories for camping options, parking places, dog-friendly routes, and relative avalanche risk. In addition, routes have been reorganized into 9 regions.

Technical yet accessible, *The Avalanche Handbook, 3rd Edition*, covers the formation, character, effects, and control of avalanches; rescue techniques; and research on understanding and surviving avalanches. Illustrated with nearly 200 updated illustrations, photos and examples, the revised edition offers exhaustive information on contributing weather and climate factors, snowpack analysis, the newest transceiver search techniques, and preventative and protective measures, including avalanche zoning and control. It contains new information on the unique characteristics of alpine snow, snow slab instability, terrain variables, skier triggering of avalanches, and the nature of avalanche motion. Plus brand-new chapters on the elements of backcountry avalanche forecasting and the decision-making process.

This book is based on the Canadian Avalanche Association's introductory avalanche course. It is designed for skiers, snowboarders, snowmobilers, climbers, and hikers and includes safety measures, search and rescue techniques, methods for recognizing avalanche terrain, and information on what to do if caught by an avalanche.

12 panel laminated pocket guide *Waterproof, pocket-sized, quick reference for evaluating and managing avalanche danger while you're in the backcountry. Full-color fold-out guide with the most critical quick info that skiers, snowboarders, and other mountain enthusiasts need while*

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in the winter backcountry Carry-along complement to Tremper's best-selling *Staying Alive in Avalanche Terrain* and *Avalanche Essentials: A Step-by-Step System for Safety and Survival*. The *Avalanche Pocket Guide* includes quick and visual safety reminders: the 5 As and 2 Cs to consider when evaluating avalanche terrain; the trusty Tremper Terrain-o-Meter; a snowpack stability checklist; quick review of snowpack stability tests, low-risk travel ritual; a gear checklist; *Avalanche Smart Card* graphic that pulls it all together; beacon search tips; and more.

THE CLIFFS AND MOUNTAINS WE LOVE CAN BE UNFORGIVING. READ ACCIDENTS IN NORTH AMERICAN CLIMBING TO LEARN FROM THE MISTAKES OF OTHERS, SO YOU CAN CLIMB AGAIN TOMORROW. Published annually by the American Alpine Club, *Accidents in North American Climbing* reports on each year's most significant and educational climbing accidents. In each case, rangers, rescuers, and other experts analyze what went wrong, helping climbers prevent or survive similar situations in the future. In-depth articles cover more topics, including avalanche safety for mountaineers and ice climbers.

What are our survival odds in avalanche country? Author Bruce Kay explores this puzzle in *Autonomy, Mastery and Purpose*. Drawing from the experiences of his peers and his own 35 years as a climber, skier and avalanche professional, Kay explains why avalanche country demands a unique mindset of managing risk by consideration of the unknown as much as the known. He explores related topics, including: - The Siren Song of Culture - Intuition and Bias - what is the difference? - Optimism and Luck - do we roll the dice or calculate risk? - The Expert Illusion - Strategic Mindset Using the work of Ian McCammon, Gary Klein and the Nobel Prize winning Kahnemen, Kay shows how the avalanche problem is nearly perfectly designed to produce errors in judgement, yet still provide opportunity for solution. This is brought to life using case studies and adrenaline - pumping stories from fellow professionals and recreationists. He warns that his book may at times "demand a bit more of the reader than the average ski video," but if truly interested in surviving to ski another day, this book is for you.

The surface of fallen snow its contours and texture can tell the interested observer much about the forces that shaped it and about its stability and what it is likely to do. Will it be good for skiing or for packing as a snowball? Will it slide? Is it dangerous? *Secrets of the Snow* is an overview of the easily visible aspects of snow in the alpine mountain landscape, serving as a companion volume to the authors *Field Guide to Snow Crystals*, which examines snow at the microscopic level. Describing visual snow features and textures arising from climate, wind-drift, layering, solar radiation, and melting, *Secrets of the Snow* explains how snow may be "read" for information on avalanche formation and suitability for winter sports. Closely linked photographs and text illustrate the shapes, forms, and textures found at the surface of winter snow covers; describe their origins in wind and weather conditions; and guide the reader in interpreting these features to predict snow behavior. *Secrets of the Snow* is essential for winter sports enthusiasts, mountaineers, and avalanche-safety specialists.

Winter recreation in the mountains has increased steadily over the past few years, and so has the number of deaths and injuries caused by avalanches. *Staying Alive in Avalanche Terrain* covers everything you need to know to avoid trouble in avalanche terrain: what avalanches are and how they work, common myths, human activities that lead to avalanche trouble, what happens to victims when an avalanche occurs, and rescue techniques. Provides step-by-step instruction for determining avalanche hazards, using safe travel technique, and making effective rescues.

With more and more people heading into the winter backcountry on skis, snowshoes, and snowmobiles, avalanche safety is of paramount importance. Allen & Mike's *Really Cool Avalanche Safety Book* distills the sometimes overly technical information of snow science into a user-friendly format with helpful illustrations and easy-to-understand text. With years of experience as NOLS instructors to draw on, Allen O'Bannon and Mike Clelland team up to give

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winter recreationists the information they need to stay safe in the backcountry, including how to prepare for your trip, proper equipment and how to use it, snowpack assessment, choosing safe travel routes, decision making, and rescue scenarios. Written for both aspiring winter backcountry travelers and experts alike, this book is a must-read for anybody who loves to experience the solitude and beauty of the snowy mountains.

Radar the Rescue Dog is a fictitious children's story based on a real dog. Three adventurous young skiers venture beyond the ski area boundary and find themselves lost on Whistler Mountain. Radar is their hero. It's a simple plot to teach young skiers and snowboarders mountain safety awareness.

Every year around the globe, people cross paths with avalanches-some massive, some no deeper than a pizza box-often with deadly results. Avalanche expert Jill Fredston stalks these so-called freaks of nature, forecasting where and when they will strike, deliberately triggering them with explosives, teaching potential victims how to stay alive, and leading rescue efforts when tragedy strikes. Having spent decades trying to keep avalanches and people apart, Fredston brings them together unforgettably in Snowstruck. From a rare store of personal experience, she conveys a panorama of perspectives: a skier making what may prove his final decision, a victim buried so tightly that he can't move a finger, rescuers racing both time and weather, forecasters treading the line between reasonable risk and danger. Seamlessly interweaving these accounts, Fredston brings to life the awesome forces of nature that can turn the mountains deadly-and the equally inexorable forces of human nature that lure us time and again into treacherous terrain.

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