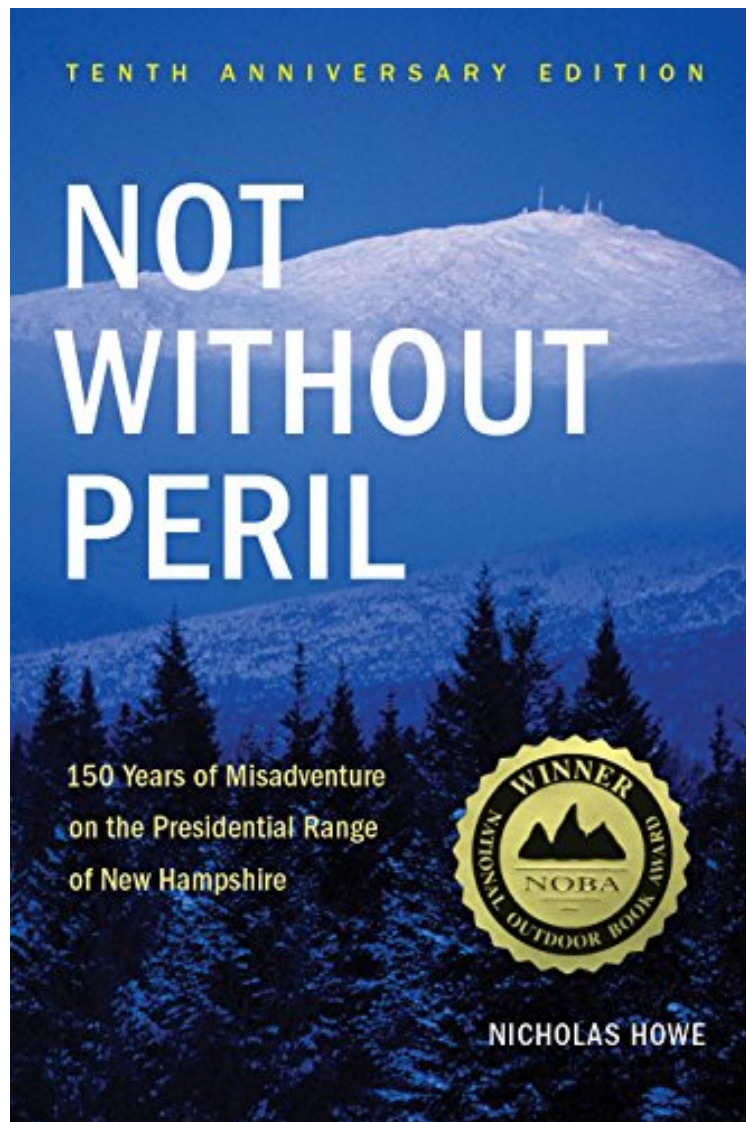


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great Read For Anyone That Knows The White Mountains
By John Thomas I have lived in New England all my life and love the White Mountains in New Hampshire. Not only is the Mt. Washington valley breath taking in its beauty, but it is also home to some of the most inhospitable weather on earth. I hiked there extensively in my younger days, but never tackled the roughest of the trails that really were dangerous. But I did hike there in winter in some of the harshest conditions imaginable. And I really enjoyed immensely this book that relentlessly tells it like it is as to some of the most successful excursions, and a vast array of some of the most deadly and stupidest. There is something truly awesome to read about the successes and tragedies of some place that you yourself have experienced and survived. I couldn't put it down and plan on reading it again and again. Even if you have never even heard of the Presidential range in New Hampshire, the author does a terrific job of relating the story of the unfortunates with good research and a true knack for telling a tale without preaching. Oh make no mistake about it, anyone that has hiked the mountains there has found themselves shaking their heads at the foolishness of some that have never returned, or were found dead because of lack of experience or some other misfortune of not making the smartest decisions to be sure. But it also doesn't dwell on the tragedies with constant advice of what they did wrong and what we should learn from it. It truly just tells it like it is, and does it very well. Most enjoyable, and highly recommended... :)
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...By Teresa Worth reading to ensure you not one of the people that passes a person in need by only to hear he's frozen later. Lot's of use of studying the fall lines so that your expeditions will succeed.

Among the most dangerous mountains in the world, Mount Washington has challenged adventurers for centuries with its severe weather. From the days when gentlefolk ascended the heights in hoop skirts and wool suits to today's high-tech assaults on wintry summits, this book offers extensive and intimate profiles of people who found trouble on New Hampshire's Presidential Range, from the nineteenth century through present day. Veteran journalist Nicholas Howe draws on his investigative skills and familiarity with the mountains of his childhood to create this gripping collection. The result is a compelling story about our changing relationship with the mountains we love and the risks they pose. This Tenth Anniversary Edition includes a new afterword by Nicholas Howe, with commentary on how our relationship with the Presidential Range has evolved over the last decade.

.com Like a piece of granite chipped off a Presidential peak, veteran journalist Nicholas Howe's assessment of misadventure in New Hampshire's rugged mountains has a crisp, puritanical feel that fairly rasps New England. Take his description of the near-vertical (and now well-skied) slope that nearly killed Max Engelhart in 1926: "Tuckerman Ravine is a sort of twin to Huntington Ravine, a left-hand punch into the side of Mount Washington by the same primordial giant that made Huntington with his right." Underlying Not Without Peril is the not-so-subtle message that the Presidential Range, topping out at just over 6,000 feet, is as uncompromising as any other mountain range. After all, these mountains--named for Washington, Lincoln, Madison--are home to some of the most vicious weather recorded on the planet. Howe makes no judgment about those whose misfortunes he chronicles; there are tender moments that manage to stay faithful to a crusty Yankee sensibility, as in the tale of Lizzie Bourne, who died in a snowstorm while huddled in a makeshift lean-to. Howe quotes her uncle George: "She was dead--had uttered no complaint, expressed no regret or fear, but passed silently away." Such sober tales, scrupulously researched, tell the history of a mountain range and its climbers, some of whom are immortalized for their ill-fated treks. It's a gritty read, a touch morbid, but more than compensated for by sharp writing and compelling drama. --Tipton Blish
From Kirkus
A catalog of death in the New England mountains. Although not high by world standards, New Hampshire's Mount Washington is home to howling winds and monstrously cold temperatures, often the coldest in the Lower 48. For years, mountaineer and freelance journalist Howe has been haunting the mountain and nearby summits of the Presidential Range, a place where furious storms, hypothermia, and occasional bears take their toll on human visitors at all seasons. Howe catalogs the errors of the unfortunate victims and silly mistakes which seem always to come into play whenever Americans head outside, whether the date is 1849 or 1994. (The most common of them, Howes evidence suggests, is the simple omission of appropriate cold-weather gear, for although the summertime temperature may approach 90 at Mount Washington's base, the wind chill may take it down to freezing at the peak.) Few of Howes pointed tales end happily. Some of his protagonists slip easily into death, having made some misjudgment or another; others wander around for days in the woods, running from lightning and wild animals in scenes that would fit right into a sequel to *The Blair Witch Project*, before meeting their unhappy fate; a few others even make it off the mountain alive, but minus toes and fingers. Since there are only so many ways to die on a mountainside you can fall, freeze, or get munched the narrative tends to be repetitious, and a little judicious paring would have been welcome. Still, all these

deaths lead up to a well-taken moral: It is not so much that Mount Washington is a killer, but that people approaching it need to take better care than many of them do. Fans of outdoor disaster and unpleasantness, as well as collectors of New England mountain lore, will find Howe a generally satisfying guide to New Hampshire's dark side. -- Copyright ©2000, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. First published 14 years ago, *Not Without Peril* has quickly risen amongst the ranks of outdoor books and is clearly deserving the title of an outdoor classic. Combining painstaking historical research with his own intimate knowledge of New Hampshire's White Mountains, Nicholas Howe recounts the struggles, deaths, and near escapes of hikers on Mount Washington. Howe gives us more than just facts of each accident, but he goes deeper, placing the accidents in the historical context of the times, including the period's clothing and equipment, and providing a more complete understanding of the background and personalities of the people involved. (2014 National Outdoor Book Award Judges)