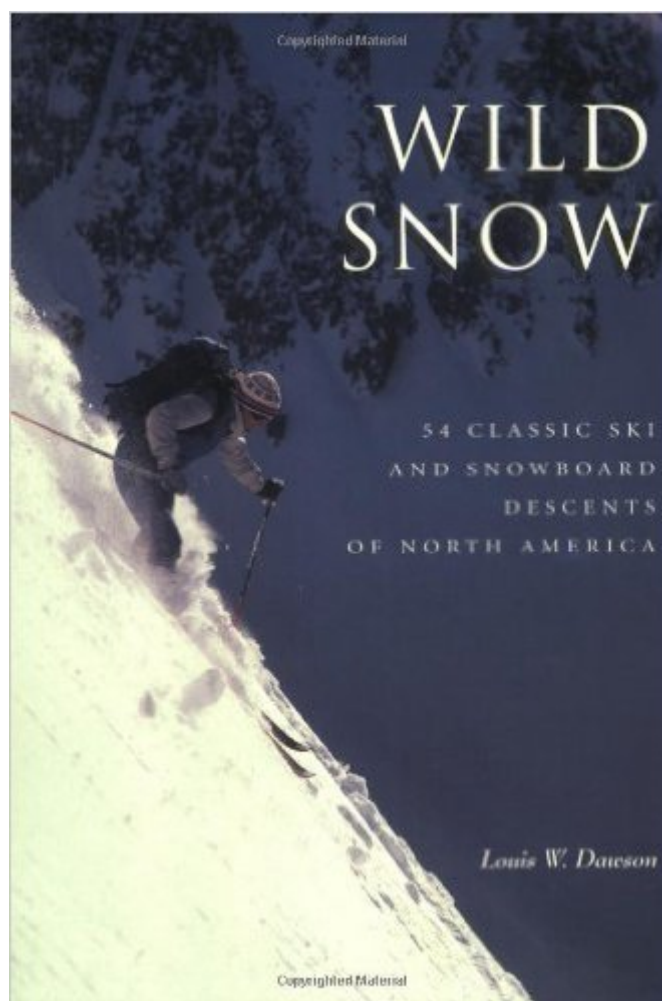


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Synopsis

This meticulously researched book covers the surprisingly rich history of ski mountaineering and also doubles as a detailed guide to 54 sought-after mountain descents-from New Hampshire's Mount Washington to Alaska's Mount McKinley. The route selection is a hit-list intended for all levels of telemarkers, snowboarders, or alpine skiers.

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Customer Reviews

I purchased this for my 21 year old backcountry skiing brother, who isn't a big fan of reading, and generally is not a fan of me giving him books. But this book turned out to be a huge hit. He spent all of Christmas day with this book in hand, and seemed to think the information in it was great. (He did make a comment that none of the runs were in MT...this was a plus for him, since he lives there and I believe would prefer for those to be kept secret. :))

The combination of compelling anecdotes, history, and practical information will make this classic book stick around a long time. What really got me, is how someone could put so much information and photographs and readable narrative between two covers. Like 50 Classic Climbs, the book is a must have for all riders, skiers and mountaineers, and made the perfect gift for my husband. Just talking about the beautifully reproduced photographs alone, without the text, this would be an awesome coffee table book. But we like to ride too, and now that we've enjoyed all of the routes in Colorado, we're looking at Mt. Shasta and Alaska.

Used this book to link together a winter backcountry ski road trip. While it is not all inclusive and never claims to be it points you in the right direction. All major mountains and major classics are included. From the extremes to the one day blitz trips and everything in between. Each chapter starts with a region and the regions ski history. It then goes into individual mountains with a brief history of each and all the essential guide information for each. Each chapter ends with a map placing the peaks in perspective to one another with major roads. Probably my favorite part. There is also a directory in the back to point you to local ski shops and ranger stations for each region.

This brilliant book has inspired me to ski some of the best peaks of North America. The route descriptions are complete and accurate, but it is much more than a guide book. The great photos and history of the sport of ski mountaineering have made it one of my favorite books. Wild Snow is a must read for anyone who dreams about standing on top of a great mountain, and enjoying the thrill of skiing back down. Dancing on the Edge of an Endangered Planet

My son is a skiing buff. He wanted to learn more about skiing in the US, so he purchased this book for that information. He enjoys reading it.

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