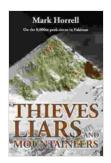
# Thieves, Liars and Mountaineers: The True Story of the First Ascent of Mount Everest



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In 1953, Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay became the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest. Their ascent was a triumph of human endurance and determination, but it was also a story of deception, betrayal and rivalry.

In this gripping account, Jon Krakauer tells the true story of the first ascent of Everest. He draws on interviews with the surviving members of the expedition, as well as archival research, to piece together the complex events that led to Hillary and Norgay's historic achievement.

Krakauer reveals that the expedition was plagued by infighting and mistrust. The British team leader, John Hunt, was a ruthless and ambitious

man who was determined to claim the glory of the first ascent for himself. He lied to his team members about the route he planned to take and withheld vital information from them.

Norgay, meanwhile, was a humble and unassuming man who was treated with disrespect by the British team. He was forced to endure racist slurs and was denied the opportunity to participate in key decisions.

Despite the challenges, Hillary and Norgay persevered and reached the summit of Everest on May 29, 1953. Their achievement was a testament to their courage, determination and teamwork.

But the story of the first ascent of Everest is not a simple one of triumph and glory. It is also a story of betrayal, deception and rivalry. Krakauer's gripping account sheds new light on this historic event and offers a fascinating glimpse into the human spirit.

#### **Praise for Thieves, Liars and Mountaineers**

"A riveting account of the first ascent of Everest, and a fascinating exploration of the human spirit. Krakauer is a master storyteller, and this book is a must-read for anyone interested in mountaineering, adventure or history." —Jon Krakauer, author of Into Thin Air

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Krakauer's writing is both beautiful and brutal, and he does not shy away from the dark side of the story. This is a must-read for anyone interested in mountaineering or the human spirit." —Outside magazine

"A masterpiece of mountaineering literature. Krakauer's writing is as gripping as it is insightful, and he offers a fascinating glimpse into the human spirit. This book is a must-read for anyone who loves adventure or history." —**The New York Times** 

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