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Richard Goedeke : The Alpine 4000m Peaks by the Classic Routes before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Alpine 4000m Peaks by the Classic Routes:

17 of 20 people found the following review helpful. Useful, but LimitedBy Jim B CavanaughAs an American, I found this guide to be disorganized and spotty. Each of the climbs IS well described, but there is no overview of the different areas, no large scale maps, or even an index. Maybe if you already know your way around the alps, this is adequate, but if you want to actually find out where in Switzerland the climb actually is, you'll be consulting other maps and guides. Also, the use of the older rating system, with no real conversion, is disconcerting. How hard actually IS a 'peu difficile' climb? The translation is 'a little difficult', but for who? Overall, the guide has good information on the climbs, but I found I had to supplement it with a hiking guide to orient me to the alps as a whole. 9 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Great carry-along over- view guide for The Alps. By A Customer Well laid out and presented. Gives a good general outline of the 4000m+ summits, the most popular routes taken to climb, and generally good descriptions of what to expect along the way, with cautions given to appropriate areas of the route, etc. Bound as a pocket book with vinyl cover, makes a great take-along guide to throw in your pack.

From the Back CoverThe Alpine 4000-metre peaks, though lower than the mountains of the Himalaya or the Andes, tower higher above the snow line than many of the peaks in those ranges. It is this characteristic that has made the Alps one of the finest climbing regions in the world. To ascend its mountains by even their easiest routes involves expeditions of considerable challenge. Yet few of these routes require any great technical skill other than basic glacier, and snow and ice technique, a little rock climbing ability, and good mountain judgement. They range from the Bishorn which is little more than a straightforward snow plod up an easy glacier, to the dangerous and inaccessible Aiguille Blanche de Peuterey, splendidly situated amidst the savage grandeur of the steep, chaotic southern flank of Mont Blanc. The guide gives a full description of each climb with advice on maps and huts. A simple layout map is provided for each ascent together with useful photographs. Sixty-one mountains are described and completing all of these would represent an odyssey of climbing and adventure that will surely inspire novice and expert alike. (4 1/2 x 7 1/2, 240 pages, color photos, bw photos)