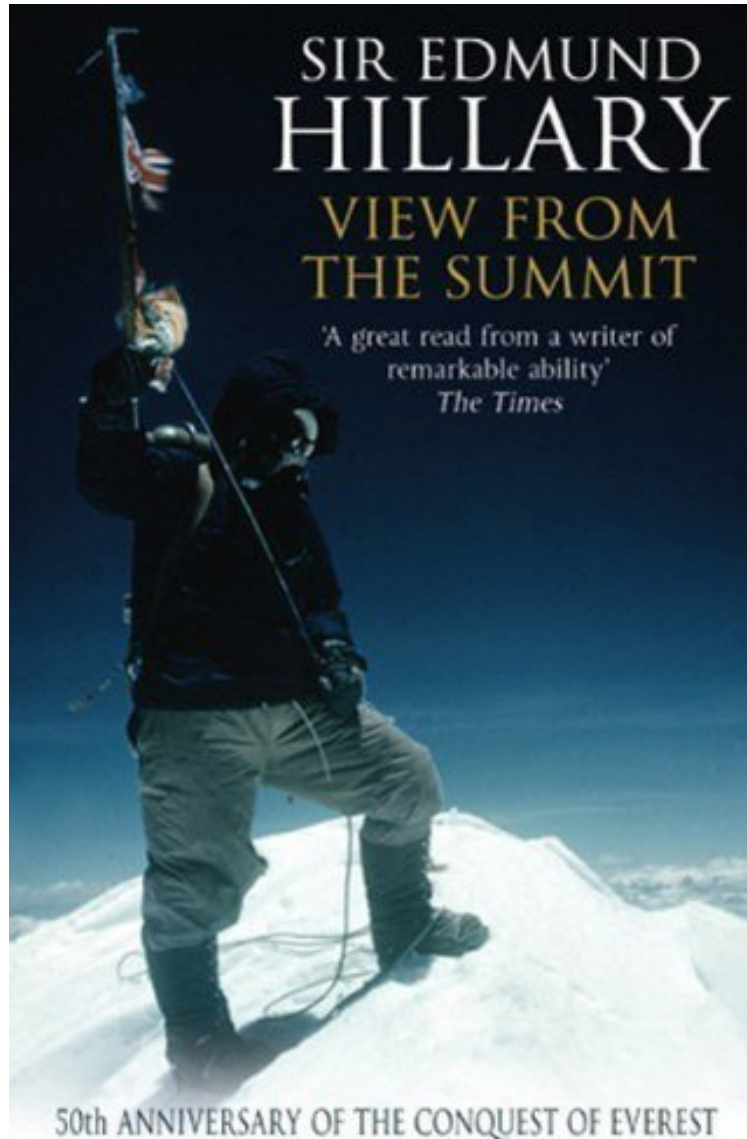


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Von Edmund Hillary

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**Von Edmund Hillary : View From The Summit** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised View From The Summit:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A bit of a disappointmentVon Ein KundeAfter reading narratives of a few of the contemporary Everest adventurers (Krakauer, etc) I was interested in reading the views of someone who's been around awhile. Unfortunately, Hillary's account of

his own life was even more self-serving than Krakauer's tale of his Everest expedition...and not half as interesting. Maybe it just goes with the personality type but I expected someone at Hillary's stage in life to have a broader view. Also, the writing style is definitely less than spectacular. That said, by the time I get to be Hillary's age I'll be pleased if I can still read...let alone write anything. Overall, not an inspiration and not particularly interesting...I'd pass it up.2 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. How Hillary got to the top of Everest - and kept on going. Von Vaughn Davis The metaphors are almost irresistible. What does a man do after he reaches his peak? For New Zealand beekeeper and amateur mountaineer (as they all were, then) Sir Edmund Hillary, the answer was to strap on the crampons and find new peaks to conquer. View from the Summit is an autobiographical look back at a large and heroic life. After sharing the conquest of Everest with Tensing Norgay in 1953, Hillary went on to accomplish many more firsts, any of which would have been enough to crown most people heroes. He travelled by farm tractor to the South Pole (poking the British leader of the Trans Antarctic Expedition seriously in the eye in the process). He led an expedition of New Zealand-designed jet boats up the Ganges. He was the first man to stand at both poles and the summit of Everest. The achievement that stands out most clearly for Hillary though, is his lifetime of work in the Himalayas, building schools, airfields and hospitals. Using his fame to maximum effect, he travelled widely seeking donations, then returned to the mountains he will be forever associated with to give something back to the people who made his triumph possible. But all these stories have been already told, and were it to merely retell them, View from the Summit would be little more than an anthology. What makes this book most rewarding is its insights into the man behind the stories. The beekeeper. The RNZAF navigator. The husband and father. In looking back on his epic life, Sir Edmund Hillary shows that mountains, rivers and icecaps are nothing compared to the peaks of human achievement, courage and compassion that he so well embodies. Why look for heroes at the movies or in cartoons? Read this book and see how an ordinary bloke from New Zealand conquered the world's highest mountain - then went looking for more.

Kurzbeschreibung The first man to set foot on the summit of Everest, the man who led a team of tractors to the South Pole, the man who jetboated up the Ganges from the ocean to the sky has, for the first time, gathered all the remarkable adventures of a long life into one volume. But there is more to Edmund Hillary than this. He is also the man who repaid his debt of fame to the Himalayas by inaugurating a programme of building schools, clinics, airstrips and bridges in Nepal. With his still active support, these have gone from strength to strength in the 50 years since he himself mastered the Hillary Step and led his companion Tensing Norgay up Everest's final summit ridge. View from the Summit is a thoughtful and honest reappraisal of a life spent pushing human ability to its limits and relishing the challenges thrown down by the elements. It is also the story of a man whom the world has taken to its heart..de "Somewhat vigorous activity" is how Sir Edmund Hillary summarises the first 79 years of his life, and that modest and gentlemanly appraisal sets the tone for this most understated of memoirs. It's nearly half a century since Hillary became an integral part of the last real gasp of British Commonwealth pride, when the news of his ascent of Mount Everest, with Sherpa Tensing Norgay, reached London in time for the coronation of their new young queen. That legendary achievement launches View from the Summit, but Hillary's life since has hardly been all downhill. Sir Ed has also been the impetus behind a massive building programme in Nepal, where he was his country's High Commissioner, received a knighthood and the Order of the Garter from the Queen, and ended up with that rare tribute for a man still alive--his face on the New Zealand five-dollar bill. His story is also one of personal pain, most touchingly conveyed in his simple and moving account of the tragic plane crash deaths of his first wife and 16-year-old daughter. But this is a story which is not over by a long chalk: as Hillary writes on the last page, "There is so much still to do." --Alan Stewart Pressestimmen "Sterling stuff...You can only stand back and gape in admiration" (Sunday Star Time (NZ)) "Unavoidably gripping...gives an excellent sense of the constant risk when climbing at high altitude" (Sunday Telegraph) "One of the most marvellous lives of our time" (Literary ) "A great read from a writer of remarkable ability" (The Times) "View from the Summit is a memorable read, the tale of a true survivor, who not only overcame the hazards of Everest but put the fame this brought him to remarkable use" (Mail on Sunday)