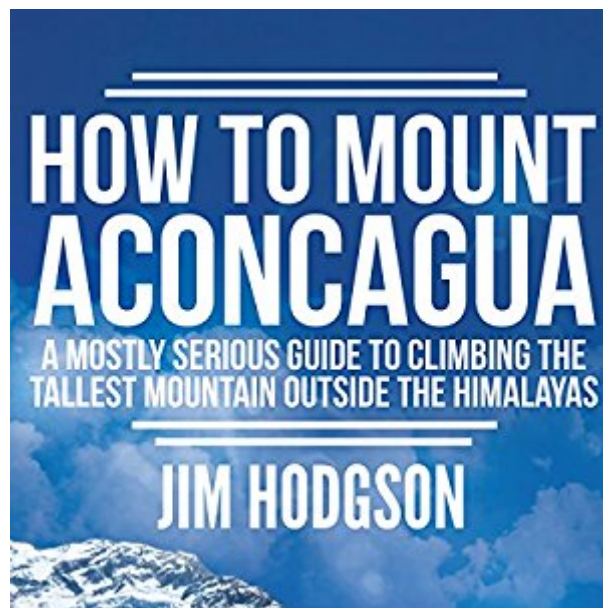


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# How To Mount Aconcagua: A Mostly Serious Guide To Climbing The Tallest Mountain Outside The Himalayas



## Synopsis

A mostly serious guide to climbing the tallest mountain in the Western and Southern Hemispheres, this efficient book includes a hilarious day-by-day account, with detailed descriptions of the challenges facing a climber on Aconcagua, such as when to wear your Crocs, which pop music divas to enjoy, and the challenges of pooping at high altitude. Everything you need to know about what it's like to attempt to summit Aconcagua is in this audiobook, served up on a tasty bed of humor.

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## Customer Reviews

I picked this up on the recommendation of a friend and was glad that I did. I felt a kinship with the authors sense of wit, determination, mental focus, and respect for the mountain. I found it useful to buck tradition and read the appendix prior to the main text as this gave me a bit more of an understanding as to what thought goes into gear prep and selection. I found the personal "man"-ecdotes to be quite amusing, namely the potty humor. The author did a great job describing the physical toll paid on the mountain and the disdain between the author and one of the secondary antagonists Phil, if that is even his name, was palpable. It would have been interesting to have gained Phil's perspective on the adventure. The author's guide enables a mountaineering neophyte such as myself gain a healthy dose of respect for the physical and physiologic demands faced when tackling such a feat. As such, I will be able to continue in my endeavor to live vicariously through others and never attempt mountaineering. EVER.

A short and sweet diary of the author's climb of Aconcagua. Even though it is written with humour I found it useful as a serious and practical guide, describing the good and the bad things about climbing Aconcagua. As an appendix it even includes a gear guide. If you want a short, fun, easy readable and down to earth briefing on Aconcagua before climbing it, I would definitely recommend this book.

Enjoyable read with a unique brand of humor. Aconcagua however is no joke. Hodgson's will-power and determination to summit (or mount) are commendable. An inspiration to all. Btw, the Alan character is amazing - I bet he is one awesome dude!

It's not a gear list. It's not a how-to. It's a look at the dedication it takes to make the impossible possible. It's a reminder that nothing is ever what you think it's going to be. It's an illustration of little things that don't come into perspective until you're stuck on top of a giant rock or in some other godforsaken place. It's a witty, humor-filled account of life truths and falsities, and includes a good bit about climbing a mountain. It's a lot of things not mentioned here. It's worth your five dollars and thirty-nine cents.

The author writes in such a relatable and hilarious way, that you feel like you've been friends with him for decades after the first few pages... I read this in one sitting on an airplane, and literally had trouble stifling my laughter regularly. This book will truly make you laugh out loud, even if you are not an outdoorsy person. If you are, then Jim Hodgson is the kind of guy you probably want to take outdoors with you. Buy it, you'll be glad you did... laughter keeps you young...

How to Mount Aconcagua is my second favorite book about mounting Aconcagua. I definitely recommend picking this up and buying a few more to give as gifts this holiday season!

The mountaineering field needs more books of this type. The book can be read in a one sitting, and it gets the message across quite well in terms of what to expect on the mountain. I am definitely getting a copy or two for my friends. Sometimes the author gets carried away a bit too far to my liking into his humorous off-topic excursions. Also, I got a feeling that he got exhausted by the time he got to chapter on the summit day (from the humor or from the altitude) and wrapped it up somewhat hastily.

This is a very good book, whether you're into climbing or not. Chock full of sage advice, hilarious anecdotes, and other words that come together to form a very entertaining read. Hodgson has outdone himself yet again, for the very first time. Buy this book.

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