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Whether railing against the spinelessness of American siege-style mountaineering, admitting addiction to pushing the bounds of the possible, or reveling in his ability to cut away anything in life that holds him back, Twight never blinks. Along the way, there is the drama of new and epic routes, unbreakable bonds between climbing partners, and Twight's evolution as a climber and a man. He tells every story in a unique, in-your-face style.

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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

From Chamonix to the Himalayas to Peak Communism in the Pamirs, extreme climbing has been Twight's response to "stupidity and mediocrity" and at times it is even "a tool to forestall suicide." Following *Extreme Alpinism*, this volume collects more than 12 years of Twight's extreme outdoor journalism for such magazines as *Climbing*, *Outside* and *Men's Journal*. Punk rock lyrics pepper these essays, providing context and form for his rage, cynicism and obsessive, masculine drive. Avalanches, rotten ice, the deaths of fellow climbers, the rescue of others, dwindling food supplies, lost tents at 18,000 feet Twight survives mortal dangers and tragedies, writing, "No matter what I did, the suffering I experienced did not satisfy me. I had to have more." Twight's in-your-face style is both his strength and his weakness fans of Henry Rollins or Charles Bukowski may find a sport nut analogue in Twight. Deeply personal, arrogant, grandiose, thrilling and unapologetic, this record of his 15-year career will gratify and repel extreme athletes, their admirers and their detractors. 40 b&w photos not seen by PW.

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From Library Journal

Mountain climber and coauthor (with Jim Martin) of *Extreme Alpinism*, Twight has here compiled a collection of previously published articles from *Outside*, *Men's Journal*, and other U.S. and European magazines. The articles have been revised for this book, often restoring their original length and language, and each one has a "2000 Author's Note" that gives background material on the original article and the climb itself. Twight's mountaineering experiences led him all over Asia, Europe, and North America and are presented in chronological order. The entire book is about mountain climbing and climbers, and because it is so full of personal reactions and experiences, it reads somewhat like the extended ego trip of a Sixties throwback. While *Kiss or Kill* may be of interest to public libraries with extensive mountaineering collections, it will be of little interest to most libraries. George M. Jenks, Bucknell Univ., Lewisburg PA
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Review

Read [*Kiss or Kill*] if you have alpine ambitions -- or have a disturbed mind. It's a good read, and you might glean some perspective from it. (*Scree*)

If you've delved into the growing body of mountaineering literature by reading books like Jon Krakauer's *Into Thin Air* ... be forewarned: They're like Billy Joel; **Kiss or Kill** is like the Dead Kennedys ... Prodding the deepest recesses of fear the way he'd stab a wafer-thin ice runnel with the pick of his axe, Twight's **Kiss or Kill** is an engaging read. (*The Vancouver Sun*)

With chapter titles such as 'House of Pain' and 'I Hurt, Therefore I Am,' no one would mistake Twight for a member of the Von Trapp family. A bracing tonic for us desk-bound wussies. (*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*)

[Twight] is brutally honest, and nobody, including his friends or himself, is safe from his high standards and criticism. Many of these [collected pieces] are gems and shed new light on his earlier work... This is literature about the soul of alpinism, not a blow-by-blow account of climbing drudgery from some tourist peak bagger. (*Rock & Ice*)

A glimpse into the psychological reasons one person faces extreme danger. (*Reference & Research Book News*)

Deeply personal, arrogant, grandiose, thrilling and unapologetic, this record of [Twight's] career will gratify and repel extreme athletes, their admirers and detractors. (*Publisher's Weekly*)

Users Review

From reader reviews:

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