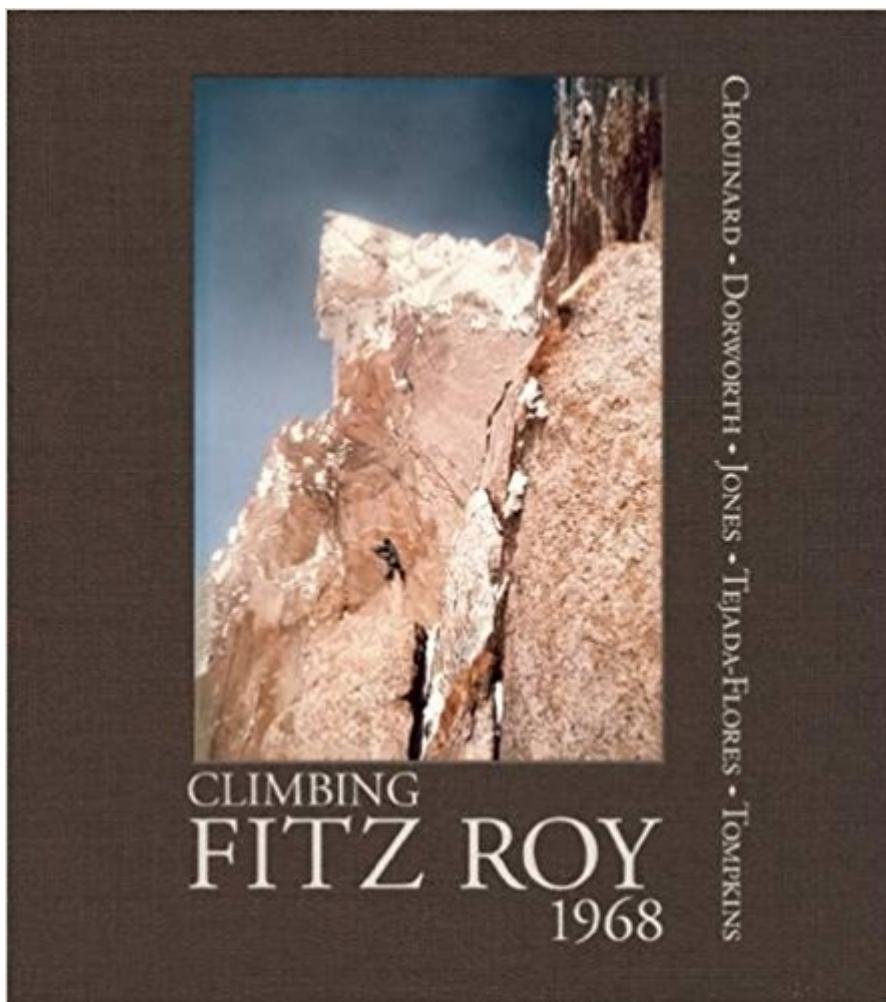


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Climbing Fitz Roy, 1968: Reflections On The Lost Photos Of The Third Ascent



Synopsis

This book features rare, once-thought-lost photos of the 1968 first ascent of the California Route on Cerro Fitz Roy, the third ascent of the mountain. With accompanying retrospective essays. Climbing Fitz Roy, 1968, presents photo documentation of the climb, places it in the social and climbing context of the times, and reflects how this momentous trip influenced the lives of those involved, and in a greater context, the lives of so many others.

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Customer Reviews

Yvon Chouinard, a noted alpinist and environmentalist, is the founder and owner of Patagonia, Inc., which Fortune has called "the coolest company on the planet." He is also the co-founder with Craig Mathews of 1% For The Planet and the author of *Let My People Go Surfing* and coauthor of *The Responsible Company*. Dick Dorworth was passionate about ski racing in his youth and set a number of records that stand to this day. His path crossed with several notable climbers and he was sucked into the world of mountain climbing, which he pursued with equal passion. He has written numerous ski articles, and authored three books, *Night Driving*, *The Perfect Turn* and *The Straight Course*. Chris Jones moved to the US in 1965 to work for IBM and then quit in 1967, moved to Yosemite and started to climb full time. Chris has climbed in the British Isles, Europe, the United States, Canada, South America, and Asia. Chris's book, *Climbing in North America*, was published in 1975 and received wide acclaim, and is widely regarded among the most influential climbing books. Doug Tompkins is a mountain climber, Deep Ecologist, and

forward-thinking businessman. Tompkins was the founder of The North Face and co-owner of the ESPRIT clothing company. Lito Tejada-Flores was born at 13,000 feet in the mountains of Bolivia. Since then he has had an affinity for high places. While primarily a filmmaker, his credits include a three part technical skiing education series Breakthrough on Skis, which is also a book by the same name, he has also authored numerous articles and books on topics ranging from skiing to whitewater kayaking.

This review is for the Kindle version. As a good part of this book is in the photographs, it would have been nice if they weren't so blurry. There are (probably) some beautiful images here, and the out-of-focus presentation seriously detracts from the book.

Another great read in my collection of climbing books.

Love this book as a companion to the movie...

As a climber for 50 years and having met Chouinard, this climb was a great inspiration to my early climbing career.

I'm not a climber, but I suppose because I have lived in the S.F. Bay Area for such a long time, I have been relatively aware of some of the exciting climbs that have taken place in Yosemite--an important training ground for some of the climbers/authors in this story. In addition, I knew of climbers Yves Chouinard because he founded the Patagonia company and of Doug Tompkins because he co-founded North Face and Espirit. Having traveled and backpacked in Patagonia, and having seen magnificent Fitz Roy, I am drawn to books and movies about it. Climbing Fitz Roy 1968 is a particularly charming book because it allows the members of the team-- Chouinard, Tompkins, Dick Dorworth, Lito Tejada-Flores, Chris Jones (who was also the photographer)--to give their own perspective of not only their 1968 expedition, but also how they became the adventurers that they are. Read this book: to enjoy the "joie de vivre" of the young "Funhogs" as they set off in a van headed on their multi-month road trip to South America; to explore the Fitz Roy climb with all its challenges and exhilaration; and to better understand their personal philosophies that influenced the later paths they took. Because of my love of Patagonia and my interest in the outdoor adventurers, I was delighted to receive a complimentary copy of this book. Highly recommended not only to climbers, but to anyone who enjoys adventure.

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