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AMC Best Backcountry Skiing In The Northeast



Customer Reviews

Goodman has done an excellent job compiling some great tours and giving us historical background and anecdotes to enrich the experience. The book is very well written and just plain fun to read. HOWEVER you should read through it with the right expectations...If you're looking for a book of ripping downhill descents in the eastern backcountry this may not be the right book (I'm not sure if that book even exists though). I've completed a few of the tours (in the ADKs) and they seem to be more xc/tele/XCD oriented. This isn't a bad thing, but if you're looking for spots to unleash your AT pow rig I don't think you'll find that here. So far everything in these tours would have been doable on a very light tele touring setup. Goodman actually does mention that gnarlier, more downhill and mountaineering oriented routes exist, but recommends that you hire a guide for that. A little disappointing for me personally, but the book is excellent for its intended purpose, and has actually made me want to work on my tele turn and my fast-and-light touring techniques. And to those crying about how Goodman has revealed sacred backcountry gems previously only accessible to the "core" backcountry nuts, get over it. Any beginner would be completely hopeless without resources like this, especially considering how tight-lipped many locals can be about their stashes. This will get people out exploring, but rest assured these tours don't even scratch the surface of what's out there in the east. For every ADK tour listed in this book, I've heard buzz about several 'secret' backcountry routes in the high peaks that have literally no information online or in print. There is still plenty of exploration to be done as a new skier.

Some great writeups in here. A lot of history is given for each tour and the directions are very clear and include maps, parking directions, etc. I wasn't expecting as many pure "tours" where the downhill aspect is secondary to the tour, but there are a good number like that. Not a bad thing, just not exactly what I was expecting. There are still plenty of tours included with some great downhill.

Descriptive in every aspect. . .directions to each tour, ascent, and descent. Everything from cross-country ski tours, to mountaineering back-country ski tours, easy to extreme. Also includes a history of each tour! Awesome guide.

Completely new to this style of skiing, but the descriptions are well written and provides lots of a information about what to look out for and all the spots to hit. Very handy book to have

Very descriptive and well put together. This is an essential tool for anyone new or seasoned in

backcountry skiing in the northeast.

Great writing that gets me pumped to ski. Info is concise but super helpful, I want to try every rout in here! Awesome book.

I bought this as a gift. Good book for people who travel the northeast and wish to ski in a variety of places.

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