



Art of Freedom: The life and climbs of Voytek Kurtyka (Paperback)

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Vertebrate Graphics Ltd, United Kingdom, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. 2nd edition. Language: N/A. Brand New Book. Winner: 2017 Boardman Tasker Award for Mountain Literature. `A profound and subtle profile of one of the international climbing world s most complex mountaineers. - Helen Mort, Boardman Tasker Award for Mountain Literature. Voytek Kurtyka is one of the greatest alpinists of all time. Born in 1947, he was one of the leading lights of the Polish golden age of mountaineering that redefined Himalayan climbing in the 1970s and 1980s. His visionary approach to climbing resulted in many renowned ascents, such as the complete Broad Peak traverse, the night-naked speed climbs of Cho Oyu and Shishapangma and, above all, the alpine-style first ascent of the west face of Gasherbrum IV. Dubbed the climb of the century , his route on GIV with the Austrian Robert Schauer is - as of 2017 - unrepeated. His most frequent climbing partners were alpine legends of their time: Polish Himalayan giant Jerzy Kukuczka, Swiss mountain guide Erhard Loretan and British alpinist Alex MacIntyre. After repeated requests to accept the Piolets d Or lifetime achievement award (the Oscars of the climbing world), Kurtyka finally accepted the honour in the...

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