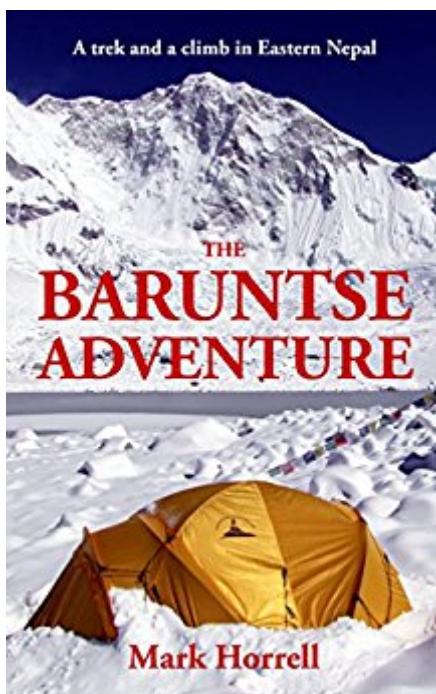


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The Baruntse Adventure: A Trek And A Climb In Eastern Nepal (Footsteps On The Mountain Travel Diaries Book 12)



Synopsis

A short distance south of Everest rises a giant 7,129m whale-back of a mountain called Baruntse, accessed to the south by a vast snow plateau guarded on each side by 6,000m passes. Mark Horrell had just failed on his third attempt to climb an 8,000m peak, Cho Oyu in Tibet, and returned to Nepal for the consolation of climbing a smaller peak with his friend Mark Dickson. One of the beauties of climbing in the Himalayas is that there are great adventures to be had just getting to the foot of a mountain. Setting out with a small army of Nepalese staff, the two Marks trekked for a month across jungle, moorland, hill, valley and alpine desert, enduring tropical heat, porter strikes, leeches, rain storms and peculiar lunches. They hoped to cross both high passes and climb Baruntse, but as they arrived on its slopes they discovered all was not well, so they camped beside an alpine lake, and waited patiently for the mountain gods to grant them their chance at the summit. (Previously published as The Tomb of Chewang Nima) About this series The Footsteps on the Mountain travel diaries are Mark's expedition journals. They are a lightly-edited version of what he scribbles in his tent each evening after a day in the mountains. They are quick reads, self-edited, and available at a budget price. Mark's first full-length, commercially-edited book, Seven Steps from Snowdon to Everest, about his journey to becoming an Everest climber, is published in December 2015.

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Mark Horrell has a whole range of these little \$.90 climbing diaries. Some are great fun for little cost, others maybe didn't even need to be published. This is one of the good ones. Plenty of interesting detail, a relatively small cast of characters so it's not just an endless wash of names, and long enough that it's not over by the time your Kindle boots up. I especially like that the trek covers a wide variety of terrain, from wet forest, to plains and valleys, glaciers and of course, base camps and snowed-in decision times clinging to the edge of mountain ridges. It's also interesting to see that things don't always go so well with support staff, and that porters and guides aren't exactly thrilled with the treatment accorded climbers versus the ones who get them where they're going. I've read three of these now, and Horrell has a very friendly and straightforward writing style. Other reviewers say that he's self-effacing and unpretentious, but I tend to find him ever-so-slightly full of himself. And I guess that's normal. He's out there regularly going above 7000 - I guess you've got to have a certain amount of confidence and bravado for that sort of thing. Very enjoyable. I'm going to finally download the Everest one now.

Another good read by Mark, as always im looking forward to the next!

The first "book" I read by Mark Horrell confused me a little, more or less dumping the reader into one of Mark's journeys into the high mountains without any real background but after reading two or more of these accounts you will get his style and just plain enjoy his descriptions of some distant destination, often lesser known than most mountaineering adventure spots. I would love to have been able to live the life he has!

I have read many of Mark Horrell's books. They are always fun and entertaining not to mention a great value. As long as he keeps writing, I will keep reading.

The team never did reach the summit, but that fact, of course, doesn't mean the book wasn't a success. The book is well written and moves right along. The author went above and beyond to make the book enjoyable even for those who have never climbed. Also, the authors great sense of

humor came through. This was an enjoyable read.

Horrell's are entertaining, and earthy. Always enjoy his books.

This was a fast paced and interesting chronicle of a fascinating adventure in a place that intrigues every climber in the world. Filled with insights and anecdotes of daily life on the trail not commonly encountered in climbing books, The Tomb of Chewang animal will enchant the novice and experienced alike.

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