

TOUGH AND CHEERFUL

The Life and Times of Kanchha Sherpa, Last Living Member from the First Ascent of Mount Everest



Description

Tough and Cheerful is a story about the world's tallest mountain, the evolution of Nepal, and a man who has been a part of the staggering transformation of both. As the last living member of the 1953 first summit of Everest (with Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay), Kanchha Sherpa has a life never to be forgotten. Born in 1933, Kanchha and his family struggled to find food to eat, went barefoot in winter and had no idea that there was another, very different world beyond the Himalayas. But much of the world knew of their sacred mountain Chomolungma, and would clamor to summit it – Mount Everest – in the decades to come. Kanchha's personal story takes us through time and mountain ranges, from scarcity to abundance, from challenge to conquest, from personal collapse to moral rectitude, and from a hidden land of breathtaking beauty to one threatened by the world's changing climate. Humble, thoughtful, brave and funny, this “tough and cheerful” man has a lot to teach us all.

Reader Response

A true story with profound implications, well-told, beautifully illustrated and worth reading.

Great untold stories of Kanchha Sherpa, the one and only living legend from the 1953 Everest expedition team.

Fresh insight on the impacts of the Everest summit on the culture and economy over the years, alongside the contrasting perceptions of European and Sherpa climbers.

A moving personal account of a remote mountain villager who saw his life and country dramatically change over his long life.

About the Author

After a life as an advertising executive, consultant and mother, Patricia (Pattie) Moon has found a new and wonderful career: supporting villages, families and especially children in the Mount Everest region of Nepal. Since her first trek in Nepal in 2009, Pattie has been a regular traveler to the Khumbu (Everest) region, serving as the Program Director of the Colorado-based nonprofit, *Sherpa Education Project*. She enjoys the opportunity to hike from village to village while visiting each family served by the organization. When not traveling, Pattie lives in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, a small high-country community that shares her enthusiasm for mountains, adventures and a good story.



Order Information

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