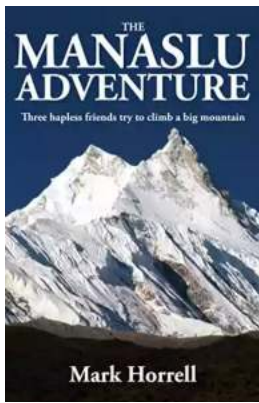


# Three Hapless Friends Try To Climb Big Mountain - Footsteps On The Mountain



Imagine three friends, let's call them Jack, Sarah, and Alex, standing at the foot of a towering mountain. They had always dreamt of conquering this majestic peak, but little did they know the challenges and adventures that awaited them. Fuelled by ambition, determination, and a touch of naivety, they embarked on a journey that would change their lives forever.

As the trio started ascending the mountain, they could hear the echo of their footsteps in the crisp mountain air. Each step brought them closer to their goal, but with every passing moment, the mountain seemed to grow steeper and more daunting.



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The quiet tranquility of the surroundings was often interrupted by Jack's infectious laughter. His carefree attitude served as a lighthearted reminder that even in the face of adversity, there's always room for laughter. Sarah, on the other hand, possessed a relentless determination. She pushed herself to her limits, refusing to let any obstacle deter her from reaching the summit.

Alex, the more contemplative of the group, absorbed every breathtaking view and captured them through the lens of his camera. For him, this journey was as much about capturing the essence of the mountain as it was about personal achievement.

Their journey was a physical, mental, and emotional rollercoaster. They faced treacherous cliffs, unpredictable weather conditions, and moments of doubt that tested their limits. But every time they overcame an obstacle, the sense of accomplishment fueled their enthusiasm to keep pushing forward.

One afternoon, as they made their way through a narrow ridge, a sudden snowstorm engulfed them. The biting wind pierced their skin, and visibility nearly became nonexistent. They had to rely on each other, forming a human chain to ensure they wouldn't get separated. The storm lasted for what seemed like an eternity, but when the clouds finally parted, the sight that greeted them was awe-inspiring.

The majestic peak of the mountain emerged, unrestricted by clouds, bathed in golden sunlight. The trio stood in silent admiration, the sense of triumph overpowering any physical exhaustion or mental strain they had endured.

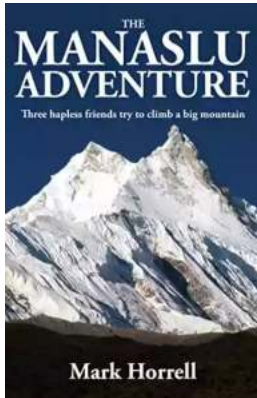
Against all odds, Jack, Sarah, and Alex had persevered, and their bond had grown stronger with every step they took. The mountain had tested their limits, but it had also gifted them with lasting memories and an unbreakable friendship.

As they descended from the summit, they realized that the journey was not just about reaching the top but about the footprints they left on the mountain. Footsteps that symbolized their determination, resilience, and unwavering spirit.

Though they may not have been the most skilled climbers, their adventure demonstrated that with shared passion, a supportive mentality, and unwavering friendship, even hapless friends can conquer mountains.

So, whether it's a mountain or a metaphorical challenge in our lives, let us be encouraged by the tale of these three friends who defied the odds. Let us leave our own footprints, inspiring others to follow in our footsteps, on the mountains we face.

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The mountain gods were protective of Manaslu, a two-pronged peak in the Nepal Himalaya, and one of the world's fourteen 8,000m peaks.

Many years ago, a Japanese team tried to climb it, but the gods had sent an avalanche in their wake which destroyed a monastery and set the local people against them. When they returned the next year, they were met with sticks and stones, stripped naked and sent home with red cheeks.

Mark Horrell and his two friends Mark and Ian shared a dream to climb an 8,000m peak, but it seemed the gods were against them too. They had made no fewer than eight attempts without success (though they had managed to return with their clothes on).

With towering ice walls, monsoon rainstorms, arm-twisting crevasses and – most dangerous of all – welcoming teahouses ready to entrap them, would it be different this time?

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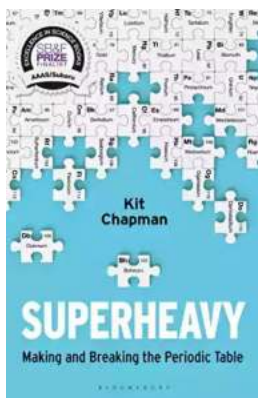
The Footsteps on the Mountain Diaries are Mark's expedition journals. They are edited versions of what he scribbles in his tent each evening after a day in the mountains, with a bit of history thrown in. Light-hearted and engaging, they provide a perfect to life on the trail.

He has published two full-length books: Seven Steps from Snowdon to Everest (2015), about his ten-year journey from hill walker to Everest climber, and Feet and Wheels to Chimborazo (2019), about an expedition to cycle and climb from sea level to the furthest point from the centre of the earth.



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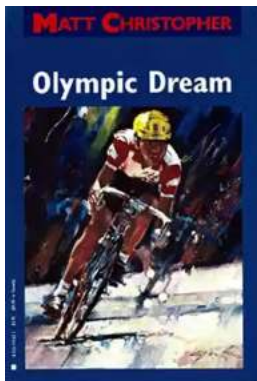
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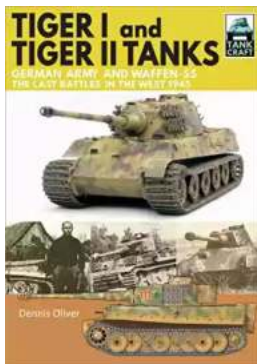
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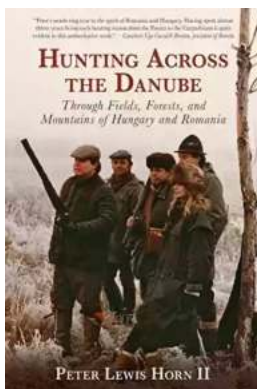
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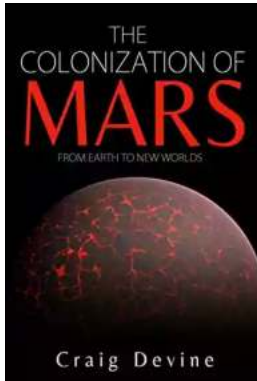
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