

ABOUT RISK MANAGEMENT – DECISION MAKING

HIGH ALTITUDE COMMERCIAL EXPEDITION

To all fellow guides, there is a new book on the shelves worth your attention. A book about high altitude commercial expedition. Decision-making and risk management.

“AFTER THE WIND” written by Lou Kasischke is a thorough analysis of the 1996 Everest disaster. Lou was a member of the Rob Hall team. He climbed to the south summit before turning around and saving his life.

Lou’s ability to analyze all the factors at play, the decision making process, outside factors influencing each person especially the leaders, make this book one of the best reading about risk management for mountain guides.

In addition, his personal story, his connection with his wife demonstrate how complex is such adventure for the love one who stay behind.

I had the chance to spent time with Lou reviewing the pages about the disaster and as a guide I found his analysis very pertinent and useful, in fact Lou stories, description, warning, was the best preparation for my Everest ascent.

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