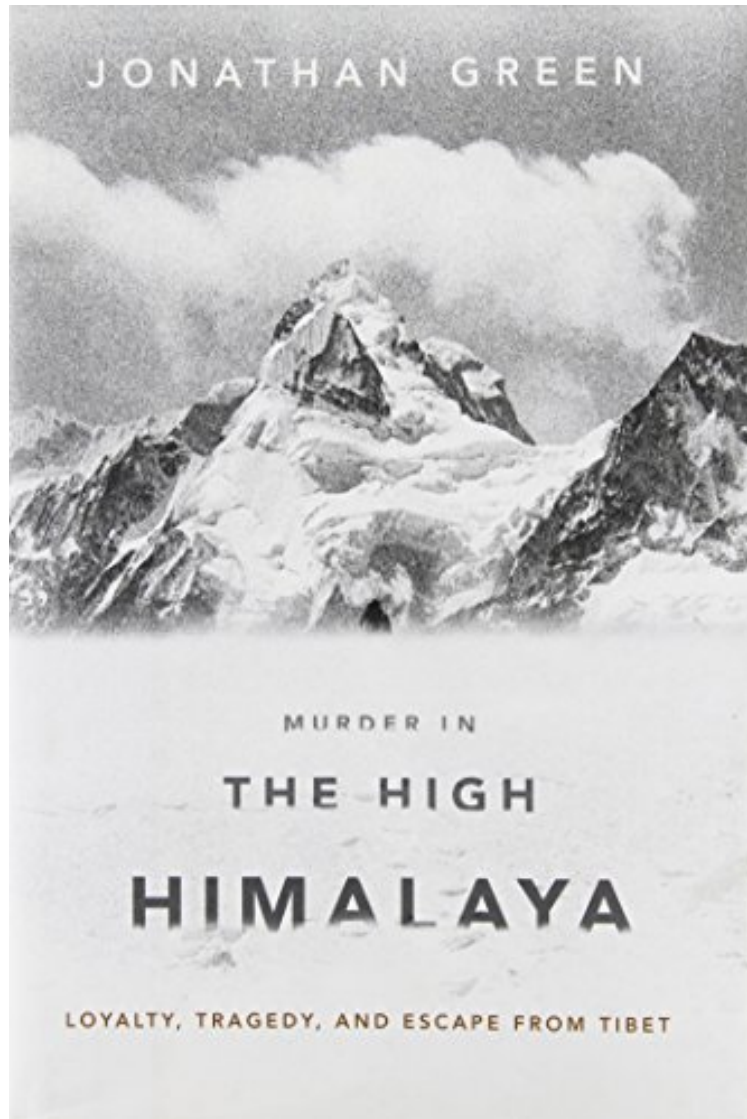


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Jonathan Green : Murder in the High Himalaya: Loyalty, Tragedy, and Escape from Tibet before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Murder in the High Himalaya: Loyalty, Tragedy, and Escape from Tibet:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Important story, but needs editingBy Khumbu TrekkerThis is a story that everyone should know about, and I don't mean to detract from the tragedy. I also don't want to knock the author,

but this book was full of typos and factual errors that (for me) distracted from the book itself. Jonathan Green writes well, but he needs a better editor. The Olympics in Beijing were in 2008, not 2006, and "Kozjek died climbing Muztagh Tower on K2". Huh? Muztagh Tower and K2 are both in the Karakoram Mountains of Pakistan, but they're two different peaks! I'm not even a mountaineer, but I know enough to catch errors like these. Too bad his editor didn't. I started to compile a list of typos to inform the author for revisions, but the list grew so long I gave up. I follow mountaineering, and I remember when this shocking story broke. I don't want to deter anyone from reading this book, because people need to be informed about China's horrendous treatment of Tibetans, but I hope my review prompts Mr. Green to make revisions before the next edition comes out. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A MUST Read Riveting True Story By Virginia Hyde Jonathan Green has done an excellent job of conveying a horrific true story of the murder of a 17 y/o Tibetan nun seeking one thing, the ability to practice her religion. It is forwarded by the Dalai Lama. This murder was captured vividly by a mountain climber on his smart phone as he watched unable to stop the cold blooded event. It is a "cautionary morality tale" that conveys the pervasive control of Communist China, the moral corruption of capitalism to the extreme, and the loss of genuine concern for others. Here he describes in great detail the Chinese forces that prevent the Tibetan people from actively pursuing their everyday lifestyle, practicing their religion, to control of the education of their children. He explains the simplicity in which these people live and the moral code they fiercely defend even if it means prison or even death by the Chinese. It is extremely disturbing since as an American I never heard about this until I read the book! Where was the American press when this story was released? This story should be shouted from the mountain tops! Appalling is the fact that the author had to risk his life and that of those who guided him in the area in order to get this message out to the public. Kudos to Dolma best friend of Kelsang (who was murdered) for the courage to tell this story to Jonathan. The author can never visit China again. Dolma can never return home or see her family again. The book will never leave you! 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Essential topic, fantastic reading By eriktorner I am not sure Jonathan really knows what he accomplished with this book. I have studied and worked with the Tibetan issue for over 15 years and read most of the "must-reads", and I rate this as one of the very best. Cause it does give you a good background on the Tibet Question, a history lesson, but it is actually also a good read. That can not be said about every book written on the subject. Learning so much about the climbing world was new and fascinating for me, and that is an added bonus. Overall though, the worth and value of reading the book is that you gain insight and understanding into the thinking of all those thousands and thousands of Tibetans that risk their life to leave Tibet. Why they leave. How they leave. What they risk. When I last visited Tibet in January this year I even went through quite a big struggle in order to visit the Nangpa La - the mountain pass that acts as one of the book's main characters. I stood there, in the Chinese military camp from which the soldiers descended upon the refugees on that fateful day in 2006 - which is the event which the book is focused on. Standing there I came to fully appreciate how this story and the way it is told by Jonathan Green has influenced me and helped me in my work. I even brought the topic up in an interview I did with His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Read it. Buy it. It is also available as an app if you, like me, actually wish to bring it with you into China.

On September 30, 2006 gunfire echoed through the thin air near Advance Base Camp on Cho Oyu Mountain. Frequented by thousands of climbers each year, Cho Oyu lies nineteen miles east of Mt. Everest on the border between Tibet and Nepal. To the elite mountaineering community, it offers a straightforward summit warm-up climb to her formidable sister. To Tibetans, Cho Oyu promises a gateway to freedom through a secret glacial path: the Nangpa La. Murder in the High Himalaya is the unforgettable account of the brutal killing of Kelsang Namtsoa seventeen-year-old Tibetan nun fleeing to India by Chinese border guards. Witnessed by dozens of Western climbers, Kelsang's death sparked an international debate over China's savage oppression of Tibet. Adventure reporter Jonathan Green has gained rare entrance into this shadow-land at the rooftop of the world. In his affecting portrait of modern Tibet, Green raises enduring questions about morality and the lengths we go to achieve freedom.

From Publishers Weekly In 2006, an impulsive, naive young Tibetan nun and her best friend, both yearning for religious freedom from Chinese rule, joined a group of fellow Tibetans desperate to escape to India, where the Dalai Lama has lived since the 1950 annexation of Tibet by China. Kelsang Namtso and Dolma Palkyi embarked on the brutal journey over the Himalayas. Smuggled by illegal guides past Chinese border police, the group braved freezing temperatures and snow, the high altitude, and perilous crevasses. Green alternates the refugees' trek with that of Luis Benitez, an American celebrity mountain guide leading a rich group of international clients to the Himalayan peak Cho Oyu. The two groups met on the peak as Chinese guards, alerted to the refugees' presence, chased after the escapees with machine guns ablaze, and Kelsang was killed in full view of the Westerners. One of Benitez's clients filmed the incident, which gained worldwide notoriety. Awkwardly written and poorly edited, freelance journalist Green's earnest chronicle trumpets his disdain for the exploitation of the Himalayas by rich, macho mountaineering novices, his hatred of Chinese Communists for human rights violations, and his reverence for Tibetan culture. (June) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Kirkus s Greens steely, factually dense analysis of this unlawful conspiracy sheds light on a perennial human-rights crisis. In clear, concise prose, the author

deliberates over China's stranglehold on Tibet, its systematic dismantling of the indigenous culture and the terror tactics employed on families. Shelf Awareness A shattering tale that will appeal to readers of all things about Tibet, mountaineering, human rights and the preservation of cultural integrity.