

# THE ASCENT OF THE MATTERHORN & THE FORGOTTEN PHOTOGRAPHS

By EDWARD WHYMPER

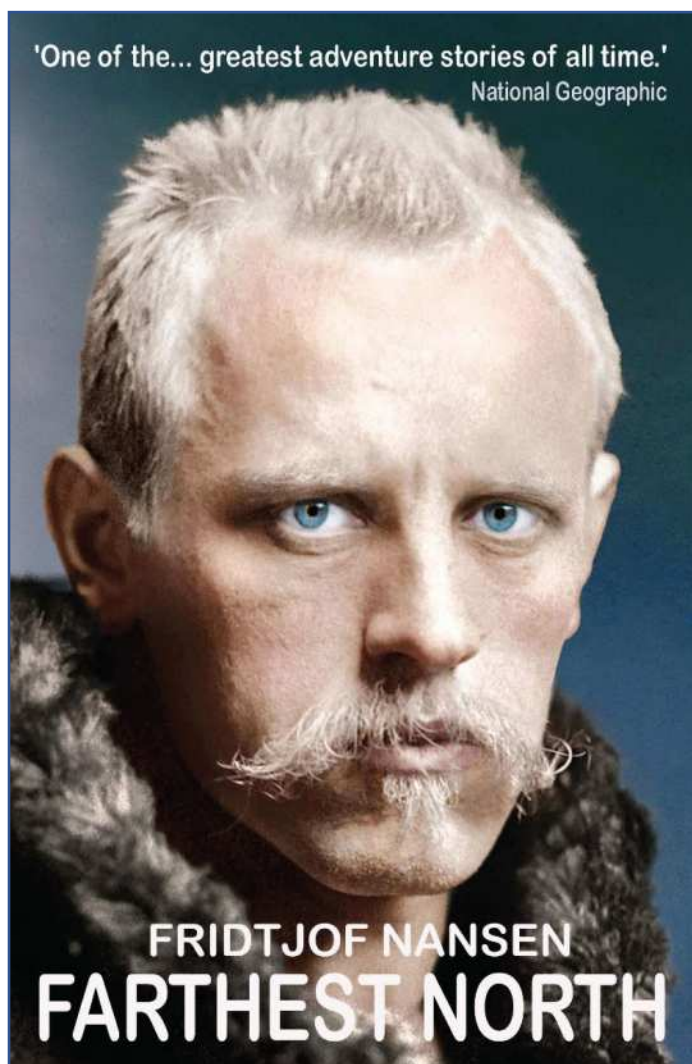
- \* First expanded publication since 1878, with the photos as Whymper planned after a set of Whymper's original photographs were recently discovered at auction
- \* The first adventure bestseller that ignited around the world the obsession with mountains in 1865 and created the popular sport of mountaineering
- \* Published in association with the Alpine Club, the world's first mountaineering club set up in 1857 (by leading climbers including Virginia Woolf's father) of which Whymper became a member in 1861
- \* **'The best mountaineering book ever written.'** BILL BRYSON
- \* **'A fresh and exciting read.'** CHRIS BONNINGTON

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Mountaineering / 175 b/w Illustrations

Edward Whymper wanted to become Prime Minister but instead became a famous engraver and explorer who gained world fame and notoriety when he conquered the Matterhorn in Zermatt, Switzerland. He lectured around the world with a set of slides not previously published.

When Whymper set out from Zermatt for the summit of the Matterhorn on 14 July 1865, he would both achieve success and failure. Of the seven of his team, only Whymper and two Swiss guides would return alive. Disaster struck on the way back under circumstances still not fully explained. The controversial death of the three British climbers – one of them the 18-year-old heir to an ancient title – spread like wildfire around the world. It made Whymper's and Zermatt's fame notorious around the world and Whymper's book on the ascent the first exploration memoir and a tweed-and-snow classic.

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## FARTHEST NORTH

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- 'If only Scott had paid an equal attention to the necessities of polar travel [as Nansen,] he might not have ended up frozen to the ground.' John Banville Daily Mail

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Fridtjof Nansen was a scientist, celebrity and unlikely nineteenth-century sex-symbol who engineered the peaceful secession of Norway from Sweden and later received the Nobel Peace Prize for his refugee work. His book was to inspire those who came after him: Shackleton, Scott and Amundsen.

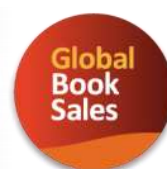
In 1893 Fridtjof Nansen set sail for the North Pole in the Fram, a ship specially designed to be frozen into the polar ice cap, withstand its crushing pressures and drift to the North Pole as a scientific experiment to prove that the polar cap was a sheet of ice floating on the oceans. Experts said that such a mission was tantamount to suicide. His disappearance for three years created a media sensation and when he was found paddling to civilisation dressed in walrus skin his stirring first-person account of the expedition's historic achievements became an international success.



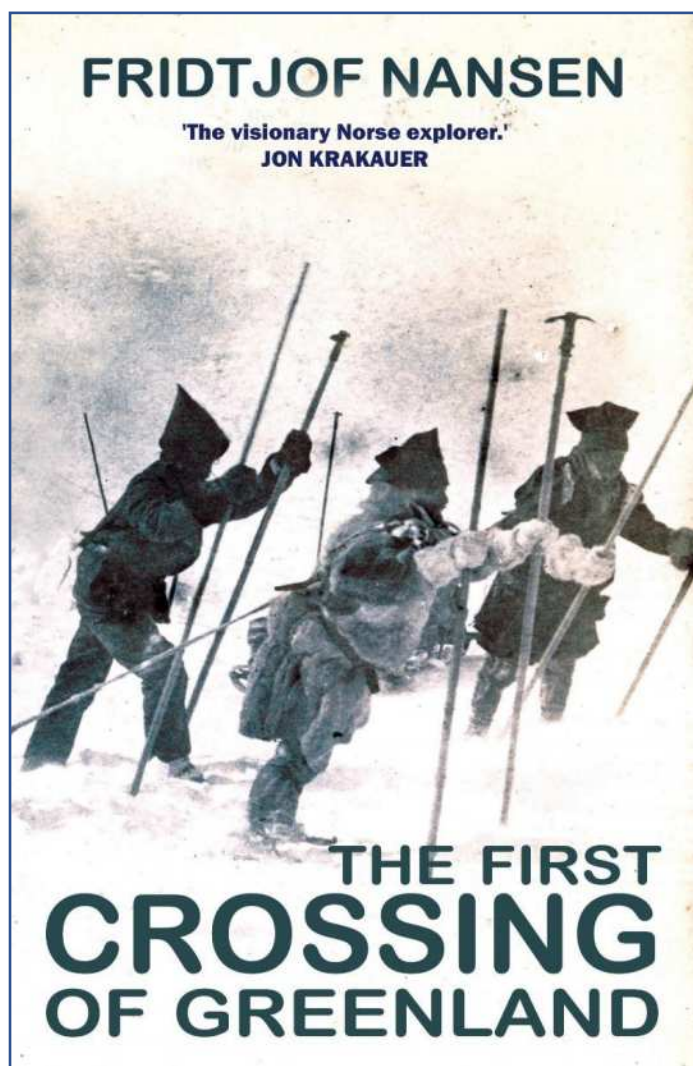
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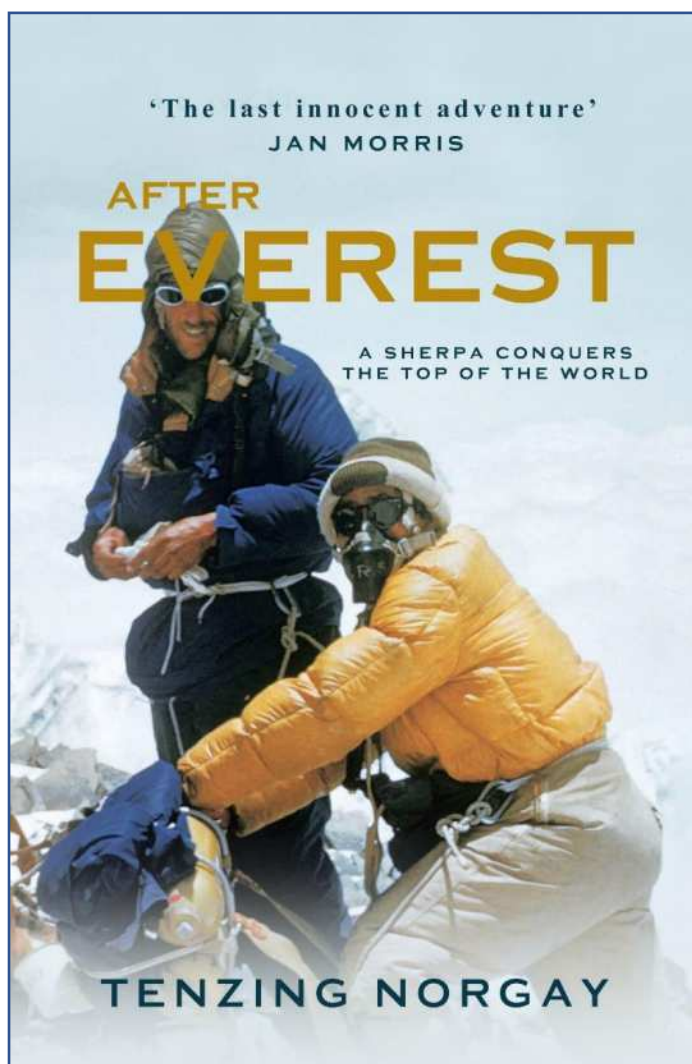
THE DARING EXPEDITION THAT  
LAUNCHED ARCTIC EXPLORATION  
FRIDTJOF NANSEN

- \* 'A hideous journey... thrilling.' Sarah Wheeler, Guardian
- \* 'The visionary Norse explorer' JON KRAKAUER
- \* 'A modern Viking' Daily Mail
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- \* Started from Leith, Scotland

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Fridtjof Nansen (1861-1930) single-handedly made polar expeditions with this journey. Drawn to extremes, obstinate and a restless Faustian polymath, he was a gifted writer, scientist and diplomat and Nobel Laureate in 1922.

This new paperback edition of the two volumes of diaries of his daring expedition, edited en by Fridtjof Nansen during his daring crossing of Greenland. At the time, no one had ever succeeded in or even seriously thought about penetrating the icy depths of Greenland. His plan for crossing with a small expedition, upwards with dogs which they would eat on the way, and then downwards on ski were received with scathing contempt. His contemporaries were used to huge expeditions, such as Livingstone's to inner Africa, with numerous servants required for survival. No one thought Nansen and his



## AFTER EVEREST

A SHERPA CONQUERS THE TOP OF THE WORLD  
TENZING NORGAY

- \* 29 May 2023, 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Everest being submitted by Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay
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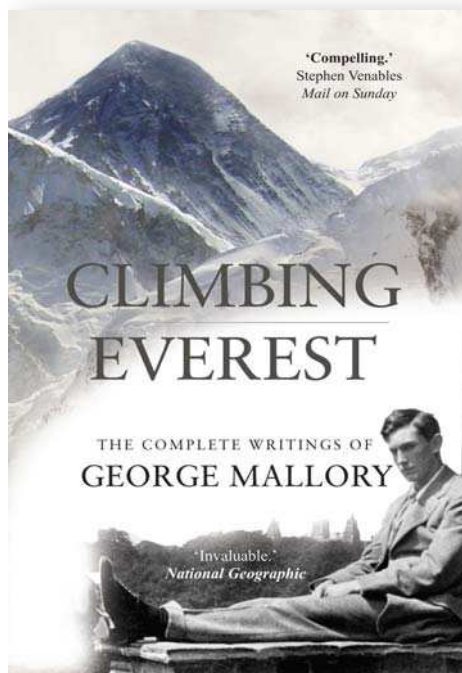
Tenzing Norgay was born in Nepal from Tibetan parents as the 11<sup>th</sup> of 13 children. He grew up near Everest, which Buddhists call 'Goddess of the Summit'. He was sent away to become a Buddhist monk, but ran away to India where his sherpa career began and he took part in all Everest attempts since 1936.

On 29 May 1953 Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary conquered Everest. Before it had claimed the lives of dozens of climbers, including George Leigh Mallory in 1924. Norgay, the descendant of generations of yak herders, was destined to become a lama, but his love for the mountains was that much stronger. He had but one dream, despite seven sherpas dying in 1922, to conquer Everest. For thirty years expeditions had been struggling to scale its fiendishly difficult icy slopes until he and Hillary finally succeeded.

# CLIMBING EVEREST

THE COMPLETE WRITINGS OF GEORGE MALLORY

**GEORGE LEIGH MALLORY**



\* 'Compelling.' Stephen Venables, *Mail on Sunday*

\* 'Invaluable... [a] surprise it has taken so long to see the light of day.' *National Geographic*

\* 'Expressive and emotionally literate.' *Scottish Mountaineer*

\* Perfect for outdoors(y), coastal and climbing bookshops

\* New paperback of all of George Mallory's writings on climbing

\* George Mallory was the last of the Great Explorers (b. June 18 1886; d. June 8, 1924)

In *Climbing Everest*, George Mallory, possibly the first man to summit Everest, takes us with him on his climbs in Britain, the Alps and the far east. The highpoint are his three expeditions to Mount Everest - the last of which cost him his life (a few days after the final piece in this book).

Mallory was one of the first climbers to explore the emotional meaning of climbing, discarding the Edwardian stiff upper lip in the face of adventure. All his writings on climbing – here collected for the first time – started out as letters to his wife Ruth. He turned them into finely-crafted pieces which can be read by climbers as well as arm-chair climbers.

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When questioned 'Why climb Everest?' he responded with the gnomic climbing phrase 'Because it is there.' Mallory's body was dramatically found in 1999 near the summit. One day, his lost camera may provide the answer to the question whether he was the first human to summit Everest.

George Leigh Mallory's writings inspired distinguished literary mountaineers such as Joe Simpson, Ranulph Fiennes and Jon Krakauer. Born in 1886, he died a few days short of his 38th birthday while making a summit attempt with his companion, Andrew Irvine. Born in Cheshire, he worked as a teacher in Godalming.

Foreword by Peter Gillman, a former *Sunday Times* journalist and one of the most prolific writers on mountaineering and author of the prize-winning standard biography of Mallory.



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