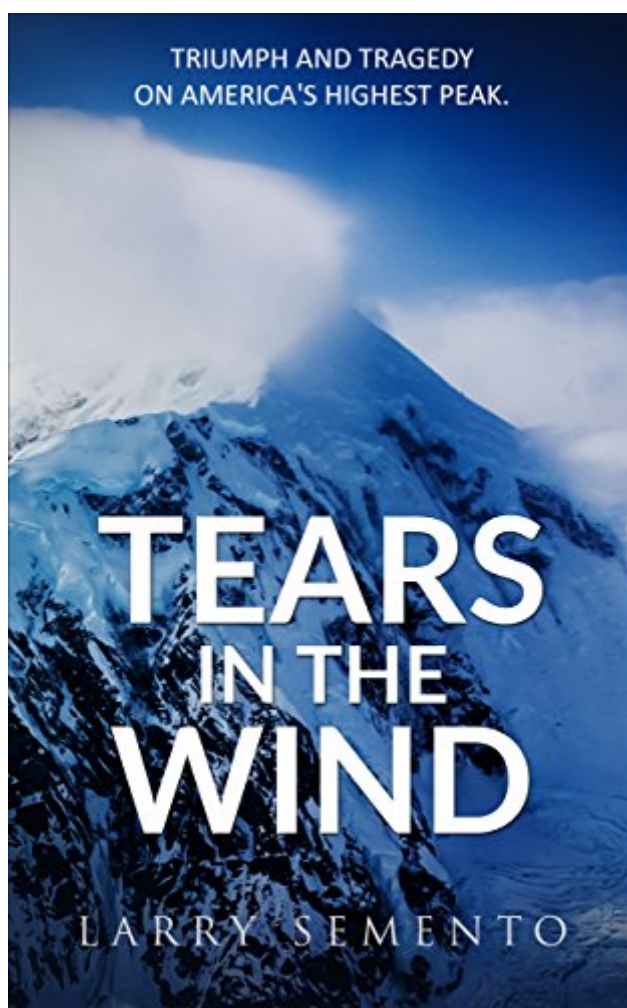




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An Extraordinary True Adventure Story

“This is an incredible account of what it takes, physically and emotionally, to take on a climb like Denali. The author endured so much on that mountain, and his description is vivid and emotional. I recommend this book to anyone. You don’t have to be interested in climbing to enjoy this slice of adventure and terror. I could not recommend this book more!

-- K. Hymel. In this riveting account of an expedition to climb Denali, the author describes how a childhood fascination with mountaineering led to the adventure of a lifetime. As an average middle-aged guy, he began mountain climbing as a pastime, eventually signing on with a guided group to attempt an ascent of Denali. Formerly called Mt. McKinley, Denali is the highest peak in North America and well known for its vicious winds and dreadfully cold weather. During an expedition that was both triumphant and tragic, the team experienced the full force of the mountain’s fury. They were forced to face life and death on terms that had a lasting effect on each of them. This is a rare peek into a world often shrouded in glamor and mystery. More than a description of the climb, this is an introspective look at the physical and mental demands of climbing a high mountain, and it provides thoughtful insight on the impact that this amazing adventure had on Larry and his family and friends. Come along on a journey from armchair to the top of the continent, and share in the drama of this epic journey.

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As someone who loves hiking and backpacking in moderate temperatures, not extreme conditions, I found it really interesting to read and learn what is required for a climb like Denali. The book is a good mix of hard facts and human emotion along with a good impression of the realities of a climb of this magnitude. I gained perspective on the motivations and determination for mountaineering even when tragic consequences are a real threat. Thank you for sharing your story! I also loved the quotes accompanying each chapter...will go back and enjoy a second time.

Good book overall, but the end was too weird and philosophical for my taste so I deducted a star, making in a 4-star rating instead of 5.

The passion and dedication of this author's dream to summit Denali is an accomplishment that clearly had a profound impact on his life and how to live it going forward. After experiencing tragedy during the expedition, one could imagine deteriorating to the point of no return but his will to stay focused kept him on track. Great book for outdoor enthusiasts but also anyone looking for inspiration about perseverance during the most difficult part of a journey.

I was immediately drawn into this book and read it straight through. What a testament to the physical, emotional and spiritual strength mountain climbers must possess and continuously have challenged. While I know and greatly respect the author, the new insight to his fortitude and resilience amazes me. God Bless climbers and their families!

I absolutely loved the book by Larry Semento "Tears in the Wind@ about his climb to the top of Mount Denali. It made me feel like I was with him every step of the way feeling his joy and anguishing in his tears. It was an amazing accomplishment, and I know how proud he and all of this family must be.

This absorbing memoir will take you to the summit of Denali and back down the equally dangerous descent. All the technical preparation is explained in terms the layman can understand easily. When devastating tragedy happens, the mountaineers experience the physical and emotional tolls of this extreme sport. I very much enjoyed my arm-chair journey to the summit and the fellowship of the climb.

I read the entire book today! I was quickly engrossed into his story. I felt like I was "safely" on the journey with him. I wanted to know what we would be doing & feeling next! I feel like I have a new appreciation & understanding of he went through.

Parts of the book are interesting

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