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The author has completed this hike over 30 times and is a recognized expert source of information about the hike. This is not a topographic map intensive guide; rather it tells historical vignettes to interpret the hike so readers identify with events of the mid 1800's. He relates the story of the interaction of the Miwok and Mono Paiute Indians with the hordes of white invaders during California's Gold Rush. The reader is aware of how Yosemite developed after the white man's "discovery." The explanation of how odd geologic formations arose from ancient magma flows provides the reader with an understanding of what happened to the "missing part" of Half Dome.

The full day hike up to the top of Half Dome is one of the most popular in the country. It is not easy. The book prepares the reader for the adventure with an extensive discussion of the equipment required, the training needed and a detailed "walk through" of the entire trail. Photographs and descriptions of salient features take the apprehension out of doing the hike. Sections with descriptions of 16-Points of Interest -- waterfalls, historical areas, flora and fauna, drinking water sources and the actual cables provide readers with the "real deal" information to safely prepare for and complete this "bucket list" Adventure. Readers are given specific information on the gear needed. This includes a boots/foot care, use of hiking poles and a summary of water filter usage clothing selection and food suggestions.

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Review

"This guide covers everything you could possibly need or want to know about Half Dome and how to plan a successful hike." --Merced Sun-Star, May 2012

"This book is worth purchasing and it's an easy read. Being prepared and knowing some history will make your hiking Half Dome all the more memorable." --SeeYosemite.com, April 2012

From the Author

This is a bona-fide "Bucket List" item for all adventure-minded people. This will be one of the hardest things you ever do - It's a goal and a journey. Carpe Diem! Seize the Day.

About the Author

Rick Deutsch has lived the Carpe Diem lifestyle, enjoying adventure travel worldwide. He's hiked in many rewarding places including the Galapagos, Machu Picchu, the Great Wall of China, Mt. Fuji and the Pyramids. Some of Rick's other "personal bests" include summiting California's Mount Whitney, hiking Mount Shasta, rafting through the Grand Canyon, bicycling the 500-mile Iowa cross-state bike tour, mountain biking in Utah, dog sledding in Alaska, and over 250 scuba dives in such exotic locales as the Caribbean, Papua New Guinea, Palau and Truk Lagoon.

His proudest achievement is his 41 hikes up to the top Half Dome, the granite monolith symbol of Yosemite National Park. He's written the best selling book, 1st edition of "One Best Hike: Yosemite's Half Dome." Rick gives motivational speeches and lectures on hiking at museums, libraries, colleges, outfitters, cruise ships and to civic groups.

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