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“Viesturs and Roberts have written an exhaustively researched and wonderfully compelling history of the most fascinating and dangerous of the Himalayan giants.” —**David Breashers, veteran mountaineer and documentary filmmaker, director of IMAX film *Everest***

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About the Author

**ED VIESTURS** is the first and only American to ascend all fourteen of the world’s 8,000-meter peaks without supplemental oxygen and the author of *The Mountain, No Shortcuts to the Top*, and *K2*.

In addition to his collaborations with Ed Viesturs, **DAVID ROBERTS** is the author of more than twenty books, including *Finding Everett Ruess*.

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