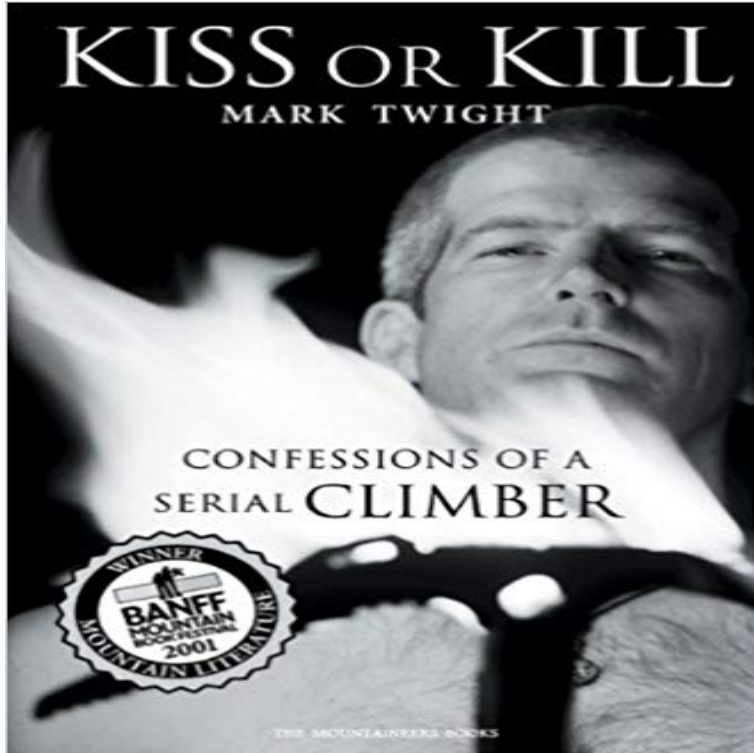


Kiss or Kill: Confessions of a Serial Climber



* Mark Twights collected works, some never before published in North America * Includes dramatic black and white mountaineering photos * Features brand new epilogues to all of the stories They call him Dr. Doom. Raving and kicking against mediocrity, his anger and pain simmer close to the surface. He speaks and writes the language of the punk music that defined him. He is extreme alpinist Mark Twight, and he doesnt back down from the truth. Hes a one-man literary punk band. If you have any doubt, here comes his knockout punch: the only collection of writing Twight swears hell ever publish. Kiss or Kill: Confessions of a Serial Climber is raw, unfiltered Twight. These authors cut are the real deal, not the homogenized fluff offered up by magazine editors who are often unwilling to offend. Twights words make it clear that climbing is only distantly about the summit. Several of these pieces are new to U.S. readers. Twight edited all of the selections and appended each with a current authors note; confessing his inspiration, events that followed, and lessons learned (or not learned, some might say). It adds up to a frightfully lucid look into Twights personal life as both man and hardcore alpine climber. The dissection scares me sometimes...Whether railing against the spinelessness of American siege-style mountaineering, admitting addiction to pushing the bounds of the possible, or reveling in his ability to cut away anything in life that holds him back, Twight never blinks. Along the way, there is the drama of new and epic routes, unbreakable bonds between climbing partners, and Twights evolution as a climber and a man. He tells every story in a unique, in-your-face style. Kiss or Kill is not an easy read. It may scare some readers-but thats the point. I want this book to help you recognize your own anger, which will help you understand mine, says Twight. Somewhere out there

somebody understands these words and knows they matter. They were written in blood, learned by heart.

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