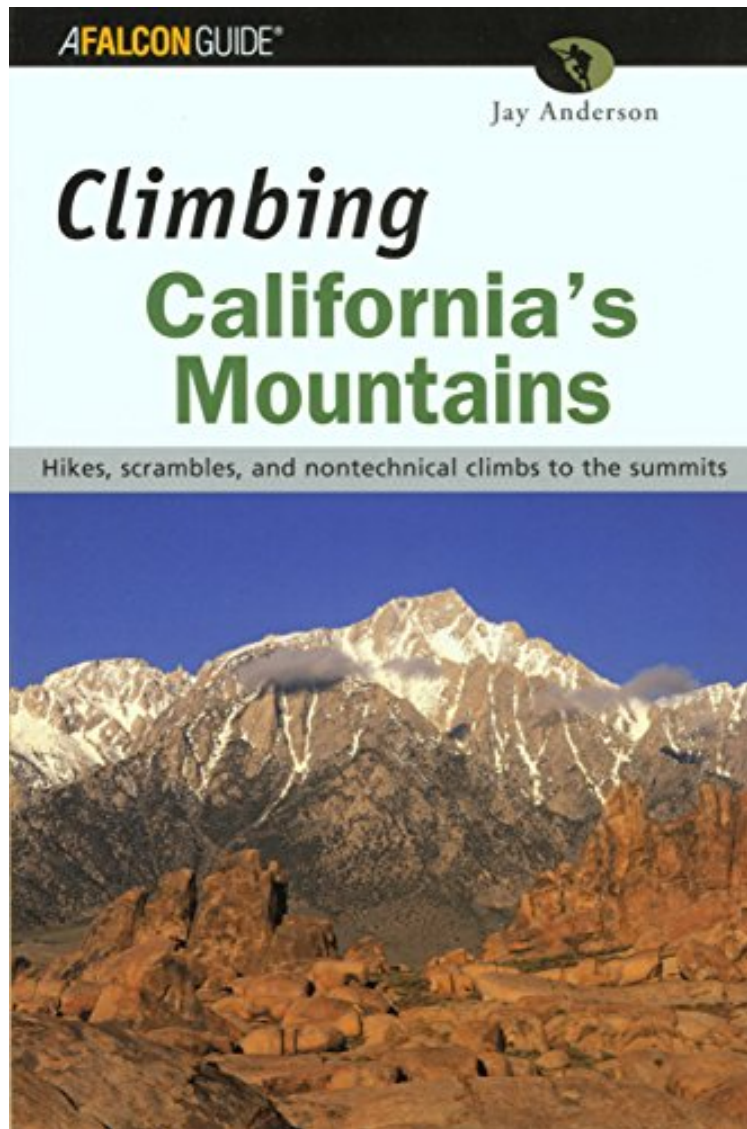


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Jay Anderson : Climbing California's Mountains (Climbing Mountains Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Climbing California's Mountains (Climbing Mountains Series):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Jolynn A.Cool book.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Needs WorkBy Coal CrackerThis book has a very tough goal: to summarize routes that novice climbers/hikers can follow to the summits of California's more accessible peaks. However, it falls short on several

counts. The route descriptions are rudimentary at best. The lack of photos introduces severe ambiguities that can lead novice climbers into trouble. Many of the route descriptions are out of date and need revision. A route described for a given peak may actually be more difficult than other known routes up the same peak (e.g. Mt. Morrison). This book could easily be twice as thick with photos and more detailed route descriptions. I hope that the author significantly updates the text in future additions. It has the makings of a classic in California mountaineering!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Don't trust this book to guide you past the trail head. By Travis This book is riddled with mistakes in mileage, route description errors, and a few mislabeled pictures. Do not trust anything you read here nor should you solely rely upon this book to get you to the top of any mountain. It is filled with a number of great ideas, but the information is so inaccurate in places that you never know what to trust. This book can get you to the trail head, but don't trust it any farther. We attempted to climb Mt. Morrison using the route described within. The book tells you to cross a bridge and climb through steep chutes to the summit. Well, the bridge has been washed out for close to ten years at the time of publication. The chutes were dangerous 4th class at least. A route may exist as the author describes, but why bother when the other side of the mountain has an excellent use trail? This book lists the mileage for the Matterhorn as 8 miles. Our GPS and many other people will tell you it's more like 14 miles. On at least three other hikes the mileage was off by a significant amount. I seriously question whether the author ever climbed any of these mountains.

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