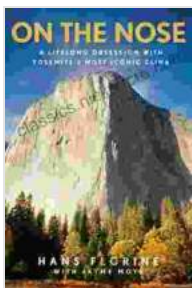


# A Lifelong Obsession: Yosemite's Most Iconic Climb



Yosemite National Park is a mecca for climbers, and no climb is more iconic than El Capitan. This massive granite monolith rises 3,000 feet above the valley floor, and its sheer walls have challenged climbers for generations. For some, El Capitan is more than just a climb; it is a lifelong obsession.



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One such climber is Tommy Caldwell. Caldwell first attempted El Capitan in 2000, and he has been hooked ever since. He has made numerous ascents of the route, and in 2015, he became the first person to free climb the Dawn Wall, El Capitan's most difficult route.

Caldwell's obsession with El Capitan is driven by more than just the challenge of the climb. He is also drawn to the beauty of the park and the sense of community among climbers.

"Yosemite is a magical place," Caldwell said. "The granite is perfect, and the views are amazing. It's a place where you can really push yourself and test your limits."

Caldwell is not the only climber who is obsessed with El Capitan. The route has attracted climbers from all over the world, and it has been the site of some of the most daring and innovative climbs in history.

In 1958, Warren Harding and Dean Caldwell (no relation to Tommy Caldwell) made the first ascent of El Capitan. Their climb took 47 days, and they used fixed ropes and pitons to aid their ascent.

In 1975, John Bachar and Tom Frost made the first free ascent of El Capitan. They climbed the route without using any artificial aids, and their ascent took 24 days.

In 2015, Tommy Caldwell and Kevin Jorgeson made the first free climb of the Dawn Wall. Their ascent took 19 days, and they had to overcome a number of technical challenges, including a section of the route known as the "Thank God Ledge."

El Capitan is a constantly evolving challenge, and climbers continue to find new ways to push the limits of the possible. As new routes are established and new climbers take on the challenge, the legend of El Capitan will continue to grow.

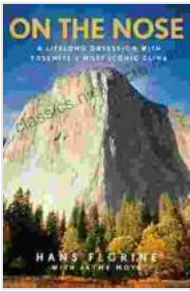
For Tommy Caldwell, El Capitan is more than just a climb. It is a symbol of his lifelong passion for climbing, and it is a place where he has found some of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of his life.

"El Capitan is a place where I can really test myself and push my limits," Caldwell said. "It's a place where I can learn and grow, and it's a place where I can find inspiration."

Caldwell's obsession with El Capitan is a testament to the power of climbing to inspire and motivate. It is a story of challenge, perseverance, and the pursuit of excellence. And it is a story that will continue to inspire climbers for generations to come.

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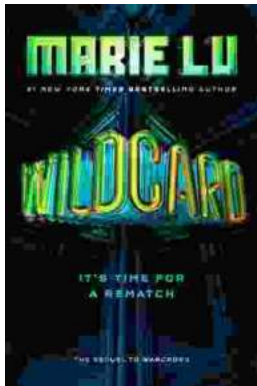
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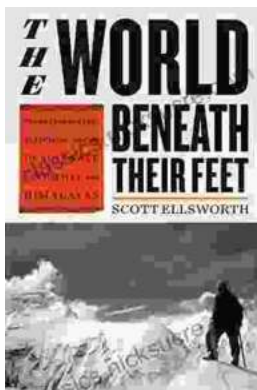
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