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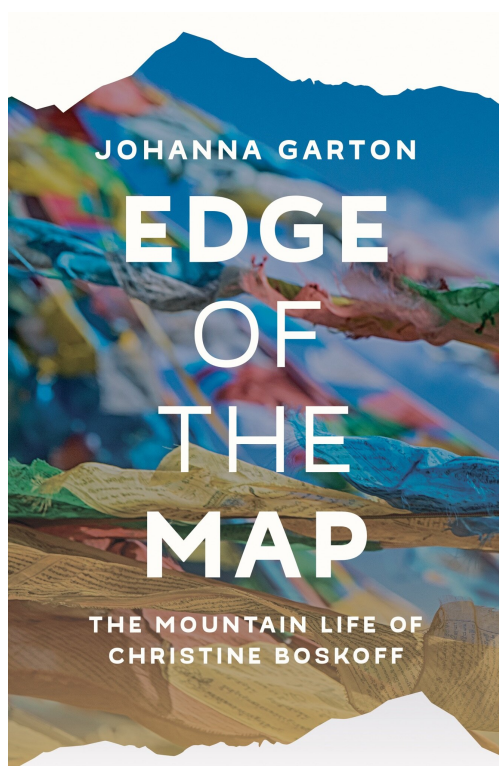
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EDGE OF THE MAP

THE MOUNTAIN LIFE OF CHRISTINE BOSKOFF

“The Next Must-Read” – REI *Uncommon Path*



“An intimate look at the friendships and adventures enjoyed by those in the close-knit mountaineering community.” – Booklist

“Equal parts climbing history, love story, and riveting mystery.” – Vanessa O’Brien, first American and British woman to summit K2

The Remarkable, Untold Story of a Pioneer in Mountaineering

Groundbreaking. World-class. Legendary. All words that have been used to describe Christine Boskoff, a pioneering high-altitude mountaineer and mountain guide, one of the first women to own and operate a major, international mountain guiding business. And yet, her story—that of a talented and driven young woman who dared to challenge herself to excel in a male-dominated sport—is largely unknown.

A remarkable life tragically cut short, Boskoff was at the top of the high-altitude world when she and her partner Charlie Fowler died in an avalanche on a remote mountain in 2006; at the time, she was the only living woman to summit six of the

8000-meter peaks. Charismatic, principled, and humble, Boskoff was also a deeply loved role model to her climbing partners and the Sherpa community.

Edge of the Map traces the sharp twists and turns in Boskoff’s life, from her early years as a Lockheed engineer, through her first successes in the climbing world, to her purchase of Seattle-based Mountain Madness after owner and climber Scott Fischer was killed in the 1996 Everest disaster. Her life was one of unerring forward progress—until personal tragedy struck. *Edge of the Map* follows Boskoff as she recovers from heartbreak and moves on to even bigger peaks, earning acclaim as a world-class mountaineer and finding love and an alpine partnership with legendary Colorado climber Charlie Fowler.

An uplifting and moving story, *Edge of the Map* is a poignant testament to one woman’s strength, determination, and boundless love for the mountains.

MEET THE AUTHOR

Johanna Garton is a mother, proud Wisconsin girl, writer and cross country coach. In writing *Edge of the Map*, she interviewed more than 75 friends and family of Christine Boskoff and Charlie Fowler, including notable climbers such as Peter Habeler, Nazir Sabir, Willie Benegas, Phil Powers, Mark Gunlogson (current owner of Mountain Madness), Hector Ponce de Leon, Steve Swenson, and Conrad Anker. Conversant in Mandarin, Garton conducted several weeks of research and interviews near the site of Boskoff's death in China.

Not a mountaineer herself, Garton was drawn to Boskoff's story for deeply personal reasons: hailing from the same small Midwestern hometown, and in fact, attending high school together, though they never met. Their paths seemed destined to intersect.

When Boskoff went missing in 2006, Garton's mother, also a journalist, began a ten-year deep dive into Boskoff's story as well as a close friendship with Boskoff's mother. She devoted herself to this project until a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease made it clear that Garton was meant to pick up where she left off and ensure Boskoff's story was told.

Before the publication of her book, she dabbled in nonprofit consulting, college teaching and a brief, but quickly extinguished career as a lawyer. She's moved her family to China, been charged by an elephant, and has completed over 20 marathons. She and her husband share their home in Denver with two bright children who are much wiser than she is and the inspiration of her storytelling.



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"Garton's research is impressive and should broaden the book's appeal far beyond those familiar with its subject. Expect demand...where fans of Jon Krakauer's now classic *Into Thin Air* are to be found." --**Booklist**

"Powerful and moving...a story of human endurance taken to its limits." -- **Foreword Reviews**

"An absorbing, unputdownable book about an intrepid climber and pioneer in high-altitude mountaineering." -- **Library Journal**

"Gripping and powerfully written, Johanna Garton's *Edge of the Map* is a fitting tribute to Christine and Charlie - and a time when American mountaineering loomed large on the world stage." -- **Luis Benitez, mountain guide**

"A fascinating tribute that is riveting and heartrending." --**Jenni Lowe-Anker, author**

"There's a reason that movies have been made about the ascents of peaks like Everest--my heart was pounding as I read about Ms. Boskoff's big climbs. But this book isn't just for those who are into mountaineering. It's a story about a woman succeeding in a male-dominated sport; a story about a person following one's dreams; and a touching love story." -- **A.N. Willis, writer**

"If you're coming to *Edge of the Map* for the adventure, you'll get it--the climbs are detailed and compelling. Another thing I appreciate about the book is how well researched it is. I loved getting so many pertinent voices, who had different angles into the story." -- **Carolyn Wilson-Scott, writer**