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Rock Climbing Colorado, 2nd: A Guide To More Than 1,800 Routes (State Rock Climbing Series)





Synopsis

This book is the only guide available that covers all the major climbing areas in the state with routes ranging from 5.0 to 5.14.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I'm older and have only been climbing for a few years. I mostly just do moderate climbs in the 5.6 to 5.9 range, but I have purchased many guidebooks to Colorado climbing areas -- Eldo, Flatirons, Clear Creek, Boulder Canyon, Garden of the Gods, Red Rock Canyon, etc. This statewide guide obviously does not have as much detail on individual areas as those books, but it is a very good overall guide for many different climbing areas in Colorado. Even though I have all of these other books, I still reference this book quite a bit -- it has good photos and maps, and it includes some crags that are not covered elsewhere to my knowledge. If I could only afford to purchase one rock climbing guidebook in Colorado, this would be it. Finally, I should add that I've met Stewart Green once or twice when climbing around Colorado Springs. He is a genuinely nice person and has given much to Colorado climbing and climbers, so I'm happy to purchase his guidebook knowing all he has done for climbers like me.

I'm fairly new to Colorado and this book really let me explore the climbing areas much quicker than if I had just gone by word of mouth. It has pretty much everything, including some of the lesser-known spots. Great if you're new to the area or are looking for more places to climb. Great guide for unexplored areas. I showed this book, and some areas, to a veteran couple who have climbed Colorado for some time and they also where impressed. Easy instructions to routes with details needed for a great day on the cragg. Would have given five stars but found some new routes not in the guide, but then again would not have found them at all without the book.

When you get a guide book for an ENTIRE state, especially one as big as Colorado, I was not expecting it to have that many routes. When the package came, I was amazed at how heavy it is. This is a thick, dense book. I was pleasantly surprised at how much detail it went into in each area. It is a "best of" kind of book, but one with a lot more information that I was expecting. When we were unable to climb at Garden of the Gods because of rain on the sandstone, we had some other options because of this book. On one day we drove over to Shelf Road (a bit more that an hour from southern Colorado Springs) and had a great time. If you know you are going to be climbing in one particular area, I would try to get the local guidebook for it, but this book was a good overview of what there is to climb in Colorado.

Where Green's guide excels is in the wide range of rock climbing areas included in the guide. He includes many locations that even Colorado locals, like myself, did not know about. This feature will prove useful for anyone road-tripping in CO. or anyone wanting to discover new rock in the state. This book has a major drawback though, it fails to give extensive topo for any one area. The book will only cover about half of an area's climbs in order to save the book from being any thicker than it already is. To the climber looking for thorough beta on a local crag, this book won't cut it, and one will find a specialized guidebook much more beneficial.

Great climbing book. Essential if you live in or are visiting Colorado. Not many Durango climbs in it though. Stewart come to durango and add some climbs to this book. Very detailed and thorough. Gets you to the climb, will not get you up it...

Lots of breadth in areas described, but poor specificity. I'm more interested in moderate grade sport routes, and found the book to be somewhat lacking in helpful info. It did point me in the right direction though.

O.k. Guide for whole Colorado. I rather by a Guide for a specific area because the Colorado guide is

very superficial and many time it was just not right with route information's. Maybe to old? <u>Download to continue reading...</u>

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