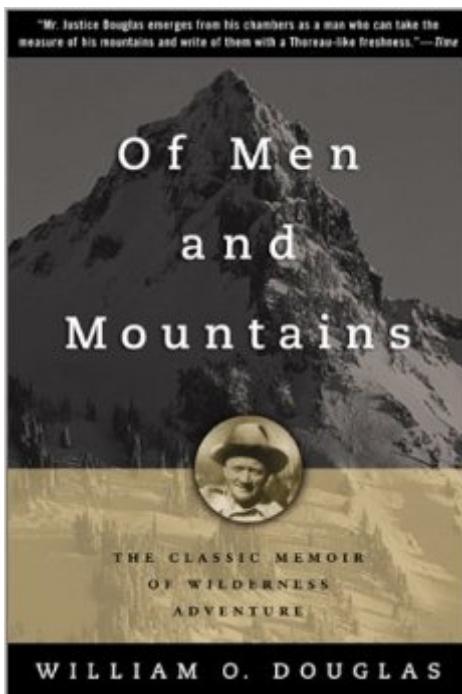


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# Of Men And Mountains: The Classic Memoir Of Wilderness Adventure



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Justice William O. Douglas was a well-known jurist who served on the United States Supreme Court for 36 years. In addition to his 1200 judicial opinions, the most ever written by a justice, he authored 32 books, and 200 articles in magazines, law reviews, and outdoor journals. "Of Men and Mountains", his first book, was published in April, 1950. It was a national best seller at the time and has since become a classic work about mountaineering, backpacking, hiking, and natural history. His chapter about his climb of Kluochman Rock in Washington State is still read in schools by middle and high school-age students. His book is more than a narrative about mountains and wild lands, however. Douglas became an inveterate story teller about the characters he met in the high country just after the turn of the last century. He fished for salmon with Native Americans, read aloud the latest news about World War I to sheepherders camped in high lush Cascade meadows, stirred campfires with packers, and brewed camp coffee with trappers. His writing style, following in the tradition of John Muir and Aldo Leopold, is concise, fluid, and inviting. He describes high adventure, rocky summits, fast running rivers, flies versus bait, as well as a person's relationship to the universe. He writes, "every ridge, every valley, every peak offers a solitude deeper even than that of the sea. It offers the peace that comes only from solitude. It is in solitude that man can

come to know both his heart and his mind.â •Douglas began hiking early in his life into the foothills surrounding Yakima, Washington. The mountains he observed from a distance extended an invitation to walk their trails, climb their lofty peaks, and explore their lush meadows.

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