

# The True Story of the Kidnap and Escape of Four Climbers in Central Asia

In 1995, four climbers set out on an expedition to climb one of the highest peaks in Central Asia. But their trip took a terrifying turn when they were kidnapped by a group of armed men.



## Over the Edge: The True Story of the Kidnap and Escape of Four Climbers in Central Asia by Greg Child

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The climbers were held captive for seven weeks, during which time they were subjected to torture and interrogation. But they never gave up hope, and they eventually managed to escape.

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## The Climbers

The four climbers who were kidnapped were:

- Steve Bassett
- Todd Woodward
- John Dickey
- Peter Schoening

Bassett was the leader of the expedition, and he was also the most experienced climber. Woodward was a talented climber and photographer, and he was also fluent in Russian. Dickey was a strong climber and a skilled outdoorsman. Schoening was a young climber who was eager to prove himself.

### **The Kidnapping**

The climbers were kidnapped on June 21, 1995, while they were hiking in the remote Pamir Mountains of Tajikistan. They were ambushed by a group of armed men who took them captive at gunpoint.

The kidnappers were members of a local terrorist group, and they demanded a ransom of \$1 million for the climbers' release. The climbers' families and friends refused to pay the ransom, and the kidnappers eventually agreed to release them without payment.

### **The Escape**

The climbers escaped from captivity on August 13, 1995, after seven weeks of torture and interrogation. They managed to overpower their guards and flee into the mountains.

The climbers traveled for days through rough terrain, and they were eventually rescued by a group of hikers. They were taken to a hospital, where they were treated for their injuries.

## **The Aftermath**

The climbers' kidnapping and escape made headlines around the world. They were hailed as heroes, and they were invited to speak about their experience at numerous events.

The climbers have all written books about their experience, and they continue to work to raise awareness of the dangers of terrorism. They also founded the American Climbers Defense Fund, which provides support to climbers who have been kidnapped or injured overseas.

## **The Book**

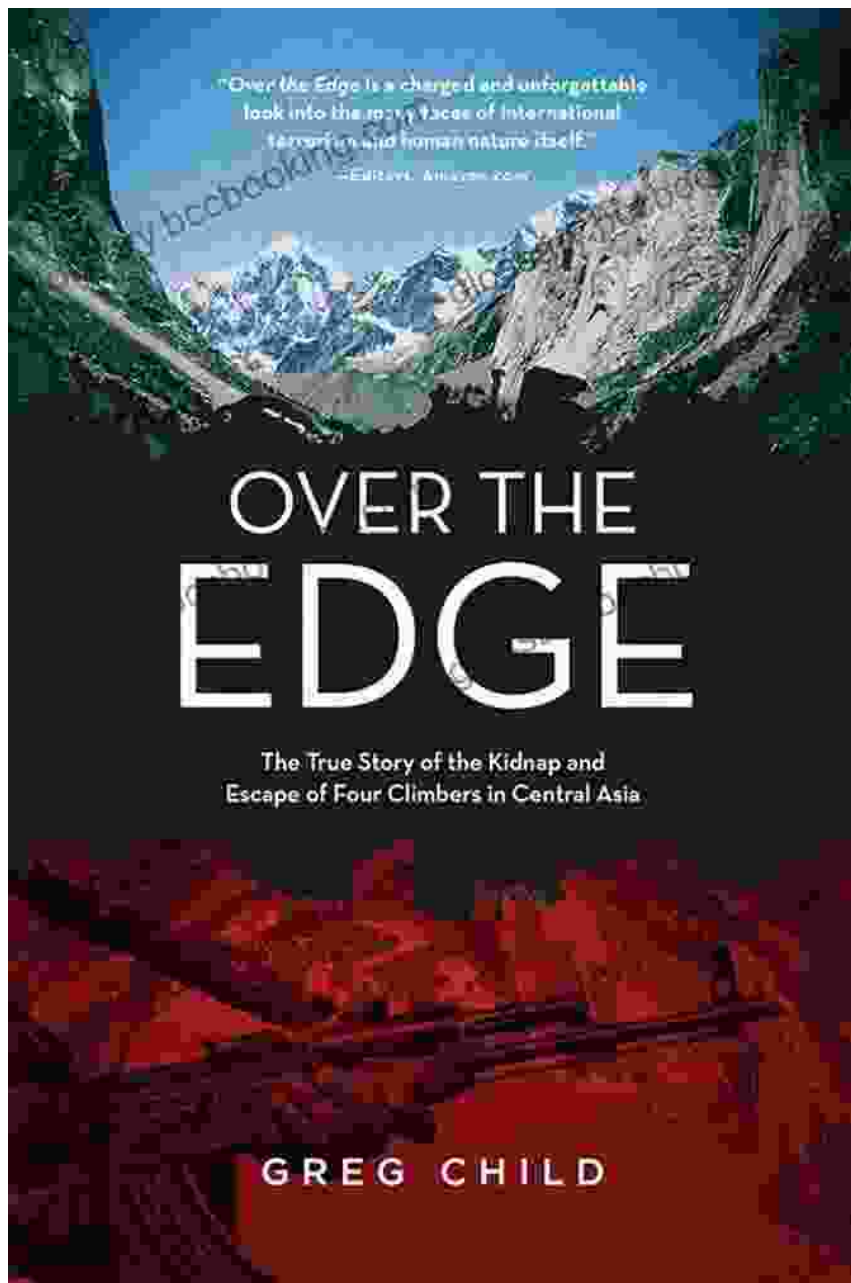
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The book is written by one of the climbers, Todd Woodward, and it provides a firsthand account of the kidnapping and escape. The book is full of suspense and adventure, and it is sure to keep readers on the edge of their seats.

If you are a fan of adventure stories, or if you are interested in the dangers of terrorism, then you will want to read The True Story of the Kidnap and Escape of Four Climbers in Central Asia.

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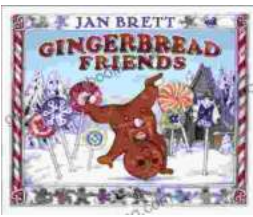
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