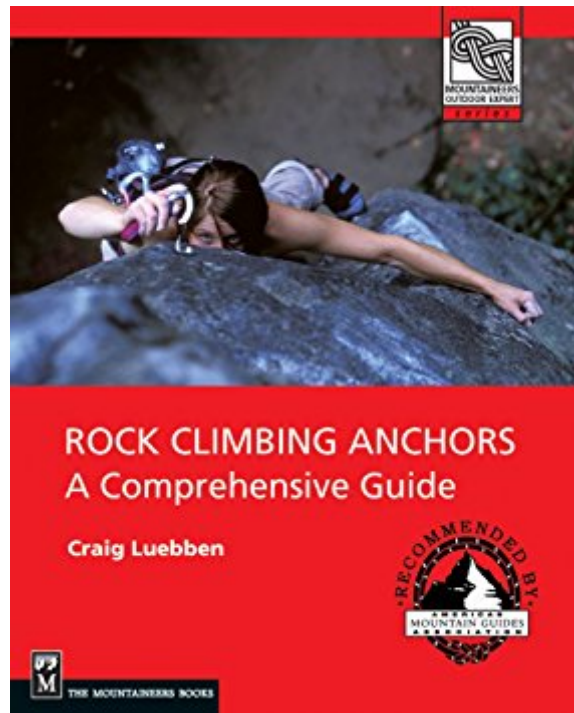




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Rock Climbing Anchors: A Comprehensive Guide Book



Customer Reviews

This is a fairly comprehensive book on anchors and pro placement. The author is (or was; rest in peace, Craig) a mechanical engineer and member of the AMGA board, and was the inventor of the Big Bro. Don't know what a Big Bro is? Buy the book and find out! Though the book does not go into all the convoluted ways you can potentially set up anchors, it provides enough of a base to allow one to reasonably expect their protection to not fail when it is needed most.

You can't learn this subject from a book, but you can get close. Setting safe anchors is probably the most important aspect of outdoor climbing. You shouldn't try to do it until you've had hands on experience under the supervision of an experienced climber. This book, however will prepare you and reinforce your hands on experience. Read it beforehand to get familiar with terminology and general ideas. Read it afterward to clear up questions and help you remember key points. I was worried the e-version wouldn't work well as a reference book, but the table of contents works well enough. You may find yourself skipping back and forth some because some concepts are mentioned in one spot and not explained until later in the book. Using notes and bookmarks would be a good idea. Overall, great book for it's purpose. If someone comes up with a better way to organize this content it would be better.

This book would be perfect for a new lead climber. I climbed for years and then took several years off, so am reading it to catch up on new techniques/equipment. It is well written, but a fairly antiseptic read. I am currently half way through it and so far I have learned one or two new things.

Great explanation of complex techniques involved about climbing anchors. You have great pics with notes both for proper and improper anchor settings so you can get familiar with safe stuff and also with potentially dangerous settings. After each section you got real homework with 10-15 exercises so you can repeat and practice what you read. It's really worth reading and practise.

I've read several climbing guides at this point and was surprised at the quality of this book. Rock Climbing Anchors has advice and insights that no other book has touched on. Everything from rigging anchors with overly long cordelettes to multi-directional tricks to rigging without certain pieces of equipment. The book covers a profusion scenarios of which a climbers should be aware. The discussions are clear and concise while leaving out no important detail. The author manages to balance detail with simplicity so well you hardly notice how much you've learned. His explanation of

the technical side of climbing forces and mechanics is fantastic. The math is available for those who want the details and the essentials are boiled down for those who don't. He has more info on the how's and why's of rock protection gear than any other source. This book was the first time I really understood what the interception angle on a cam meant. Beyond the critical safety knowledge this book imparts, it is full of helpful tips to make your life easier when climbing. How to coil cordelette, how to make short adjustments to slings in an anchor, handy checklists for various activities, etc. This book is by far the best resource for outdoor climbers.

Waaaaay more info in here than just anchor building skills. Lots of good stuff on climbing pro (passive and active), belay techniques, knots, etc. great reference for any climber!

This is the gold standard for an anchoring instructional. Not only does this cover anchor knowledge, it also focuses on gear placement, belay fundamentals, and various knots/hitches. This book provides very indepth knowledge that would benefit both beginner toppers as well as seasoned trad leaders.

I have enjoyed all of Craig Luebben's writings. He is meticulously detailed in his writings but always understood. He is the quality that all of the Mountaineers Series authors should aspire to but often don't. The only criticism for this book is that the photos could be in color and larger. Some of the photos towards the end can't be seen.

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