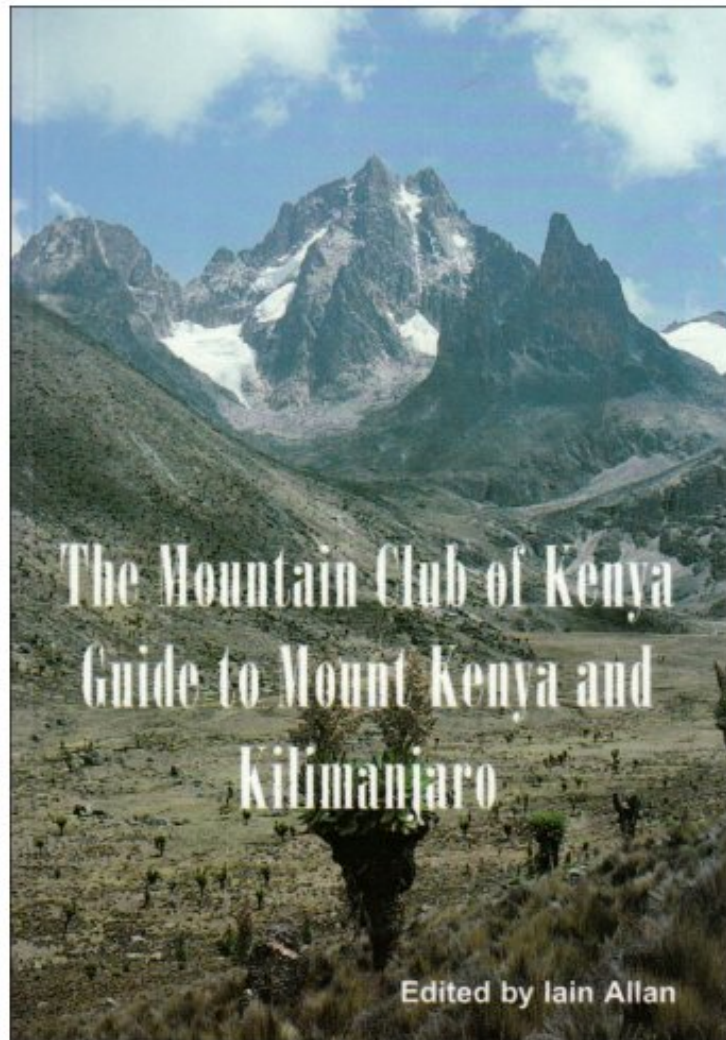


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written by one of the pioneers of technical climbing in Kenya. This guide is extensive in the listing of various mountaineering routes up Mount Kenya (I guess there is a Mt. Kilimanjaro section, but I didn't go there). For the more popular routes, there are climbing topos which are detailed and very useful. Not all technical routes have topos which is a pronounced deficit. The guidebook is very insightful into the natural history, geology, and weather and seasonal patterns of the mountain, as well as a European history of "exploration". My one critique is that it could have been more culturally sensitive and given more information about native uses of the land and mountain, and indigenous peoples' histories and struggles (very interesting tribe called Gikuyu live here, members of which formed the nucleus of the so-called Mau Mau insurrection against the British in the fifties, etc.) Overall, however, if you want to get up this impressive mountain, this guidebook will help.