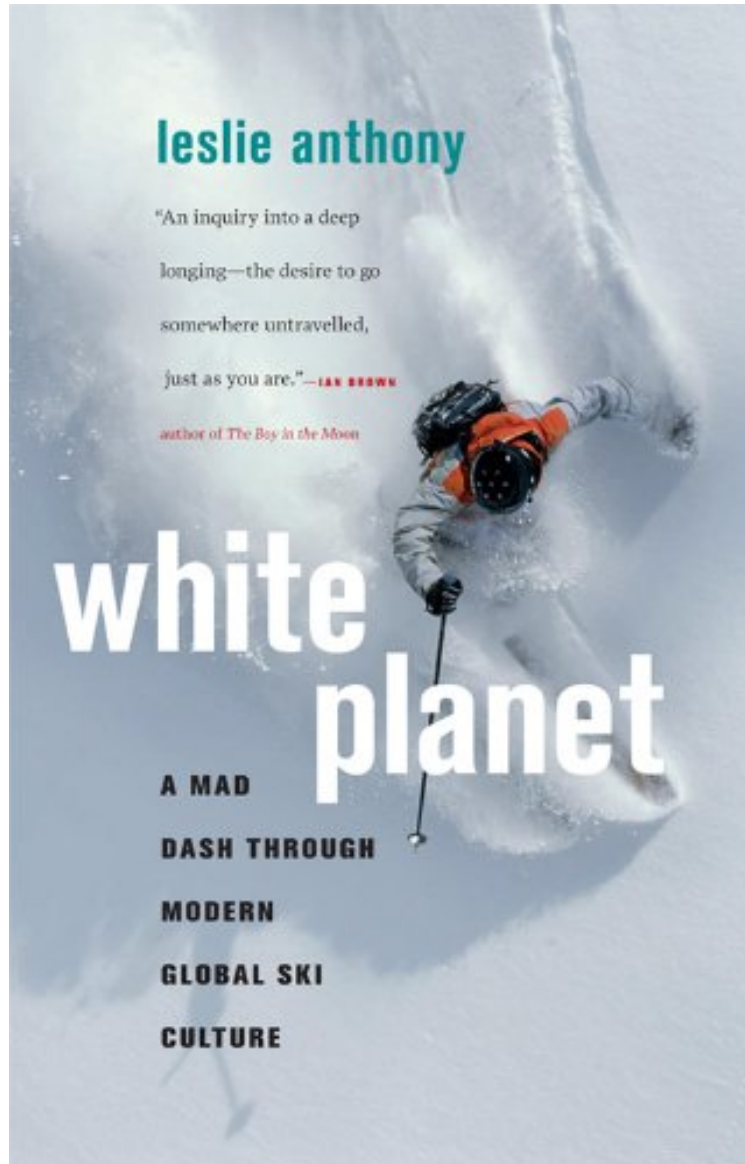


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Leslie Anthony : White Planet: A Mad Dash through Modern Global Ski Culture before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised White Planet: A Mad Dash through Modern Global Ski Culture:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Covers a lot of terrain, and a fun readBy RES JrLeslie Anthony does a nice job of describing the arc of ski culture from it's humble beginnings to the global enterprise is is today. While not

an exhaustive history, he does a fine job of taking the reader from its roots in Europe to the many far-flung corners of the globe. Along the way, he recounts his personal experiences with a light touch, never making himself the central character in the tale. Most importantly, there are enough vivid descriptions of actual skiing to serve up what most readers are looking for, I suspect, which is a chance to live vicariously through the adventures of a veteran ski writer. The destinations described in *White Planet* are not the ones you might expect. While some of the action is set in expected locales like BC, Austria, and Switzerland, the author introduces us to unexpected ski cultures. Beginning with one of his early personal adventures on a volcano in Mexico, he leads us to places from Newfoundland to Lebanon, Japan to Kashmir. Along this meandering route, he provides fascinating insights to the evolution of the industry. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Trip the Pow Fantastic By Stephane As a skier I loved this book. Every person that does ski or is even thinking about the sport should add this to their library. Les Anthony blasts through the single minded resort only aspect of skiing and brings to light a fantastic story of skiing outside the box. I mean who knew about skiing in Lebanon or countless other places I never heard of? His writing style is a wonderful blend of information, high jinx and gonzo (a la Hunter S. Thompson). Travel the world through this book and see skiing in a whole new refreshing light. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Love It By Warren Bevan Fun read if you're into skiing at all and doubly so if you've been around as the ski culture blossomed in the '90's.

Writer and adventurer Leslie Anthony has spent his life on two planks, racing down hills, searching for the next perfect ride. His real baptism, however, began in the early nineties when Alaska emerged as the ski world's Next Big Thing. Steep faces and vast tracks of powder snow, were captured on film and beamed to audiences around the world. The result was a freeskiing revolution. With insight and humor, *White Planet*, traces an arc through the new ski culture, in a rock n roll adventure that follows a diaspora to far-flung corners of the globe. Along the way, Anthony introduces many of the daredevils, visionaries and entrepreneurs who are bringing the sport to such unexpected places as Mexico, China, Lebanon and India.

From Publishers Weekly Leslie (Snakebit) skis the world in a lifelong search for athletic challenge, natural beauty, and the special community of like-minded adventurers. From Chile in the 1980s to Alaska in the 1990s and beyond, Leslie's tales of pink snow in Spain's Sierra Nevada, interactions with ski photographers, and remote, pristine landscapes captivate with their innocence and ingenuity. At the same time, with his insider's perspective and spirited blend of daring, Zen, and observation (parts of the book appeared in such ski magazines as *Powder*), Leslie passionately tracks the evolution of modern ski culture. Along the way, information about alpine and Nordic ski history, equipment specifications, skiing styles, and snowboarding accumulates. There are profiles of ski personalities, glimpses of business mavens, and insights into melding skiing's traditional disciplines with its youth-oriented X-Game persona. Engaging and funny (one trip to Denver was "filled with more animal prints and expensive pelts than a Siegfried Roy pageant"), this is a welcome meditation on soft powder and the not-so-soft sell. (Mar.) (c) Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved. "Anthony is the modern-day Dolores LaChapelle, spreading the often-garbled stoke of skiing with wit, intellect and passion. With a floating, easy tone, Anthony shares the dense histories, geologies and personalities that buttress snowsports." #8212 Denver Post