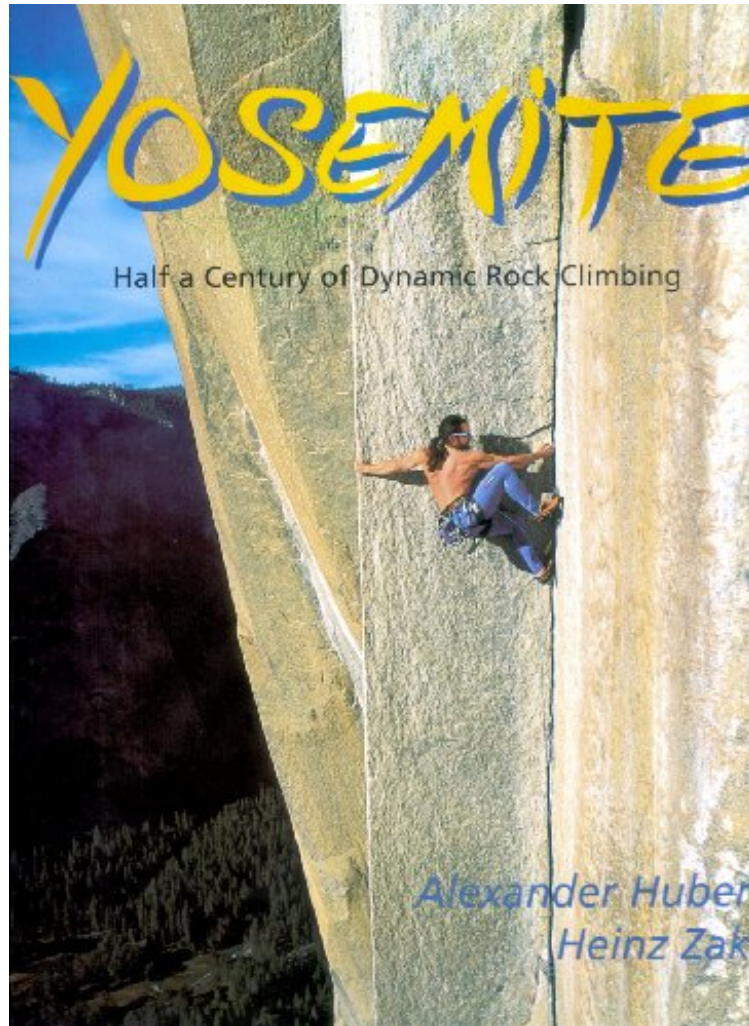


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Yosemite - 'the Valley' - is the centre of big wall climbing. The huge, towering walls of El Capitan and Half Dome inspire climbers from across the globe. The giant cliffs of perfect granite have seen historic ascents from the world's best climbers, and draw visitors to test themselves on Yosemite's cliffs and routes. Some come for the great free routes, like Astroman, Nabisco Wall or Separate Reality, or the scores of easier routes. Others will visit the domes of

Tuolumne, make expeditions to the peaks of the High Sierra or even spend a sojourn tackling the boulders, perhaps attempting Midnight Lightning, the most famous boulder problem in the world. This combination of peerless rock, fabulous sculptural cliffs, and hundreds of magnificent climbs is reverently described in *Yosemite*, a stunning coffee table book by world-renowned climber, Alex Huber, a leading player in Yosemite events. Huber provides a scintillating and exciting commentary that Heinz Zak illustrates with fabulous photographs that are both architecturally powerful and aesthetically superb. The book is enhanced by accompanying essays from past and present activists: Royal Robbins, Warren Harding, Jim Bridwell, Peter Croft, Lynn Hill, John Long, Mark Chapman, Thomas Huber, Jerry Moffatt, Dean Potter and Leo Holding. *Yosemite* is one of the most exciting rock climbing books ever published. Its gripping accounts are embellished by outstanding photographs that emphasize the splendor of the valley's scenery which has made it a world renowned destination for climbers, trekkers and tourists alike.

'Huber's writing style: to introduce each era of climbing and its development, followed by an article by one of the key figures of the particular era works well and the text is complimented by some of the most superb climbing shots ever to be published. A large coffee table format, the book's visuals allow an insight into the world of the climber on the face, 'Yosemite' is a must for any climber's library.' (www.supersport.com). From the Back Cover Yosemite Valley is the leading center for world rock climbing. Famous figures in the sport like John Salathe, Royal Robbins and Warren Harding have immortalized their names in the granite of the valley. The giant walls of El Capitan and Half Dome retain a powerful appeal and climbers from around the world visit to pay homage to one of their many big wall climbs. There are scores of easier classic climbs to be done too, or one can tackle one of the great free routes like Astroman, Nabisco Wall or Separate Reality. Others will visit the domes of Tuolumne, make expeditions to the peaks of the High Sierra or even spend a sojourn tackling the boulders, perhaps attempting Midnight Lightning, the most famous boulder problem in the world. Alexander Huber, who is deeply involved in today's dynamic Yosemite scene, has drawn from the key histories and other books and magazine accounts to produce a commentary on over 100 years of climbing history from the earlier pioneering epics to today's super athletic big wall feats. His fast-moving account is illustrated by Heinz Zak's outstanding photographs and given luster by key accounts of major climbs from Warren Harding, Royal Robbins, Jim Bridwell, Mark Chapman, Jerry Moffatt, John Long, Peter Croft, Lynn Hill, Thomas Huber, Dean Potter and Leo Holding. *Yosemite* is one of the most exciting rock climbing books every published. Its gripping accounts are embellished by outstanding photographs that emphasize the splendor of the Valley's rock, mountain and waterfall scenery which has made it world-renowned among climbers, trekkers and tourists alike.