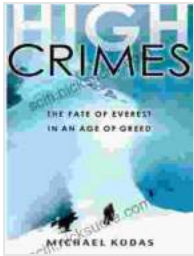


# The Fate of Everest: Greed and the Perils of Mass Tourism



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Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain, has long been a symbol of adventure and human achievement. But in recent years, the mountain has become increasingly popular with climbers, leading to overcrowding, environmental damage, and safety concerns.

In 2019, a record number of climbers attempted to summit Everest, resulting in 11 deaths. The overcrowding on the mountain led to long delays and dangerous conditions, as climbers waited hours in line for their turn to climb. The environmental impact of mass tourism on Everest is also becoming increasingly apparent. The sheer number of climbers has left behind a trail of garbage and human waste, which is polluting the mountain's fragile ecosystem.

The commercialization of Everest has also led to a decline in mountaineering ethics. Many companies now offer guided tours to the summit, which can cost tens of thousands of dollars. This has made it possible for inexperienced climbers to attempt Everest, even if they are not properly prepared. The result has been a number of accidents and deaths.

The future of Everest is uncertain. The mountain is under increasing pressure from climate change, which is causing the glaciers to melt and the rock to become more unstable. The increasing number of climbers is also putting a strain on the mountain's infrastructure and resources. If the current trends continue, it is possible that Everest will become too dangerous to climb.

### **What can be done to save Everest?**

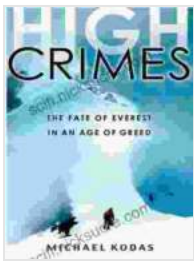
There are a number of things that can be done to save Everest from the perils of mass tourism and climate change. These include:

- **Limiting the number of climbers on Everest.** This would help to reduce overcrowding and improve safety.
- **Improving the environmental management of Everest.** This would include reducing garbage and waste, and protecting the mountain's fragile ecosystem.
- **Educating climbers about the ethical and environmental challenges of climbing Everest.** This would help to promote responsible mountaineering practices.
- **Investing in research and development to mitigate the effects of climate change.** This would help to preserve the mountain's glaciers and rock formations.

The fate of Everest is in our hands. If we take action now, we can protect this iconic mountain for future generations.

## Additional resources

- National Geographic: Inside Everest's Death Zone
- BBC News: Everest: Record number of climbers attempt to reach summit despite deaths
- The New York Times: Everest Deaths Rise to 11, Prompting Questions About Climbing



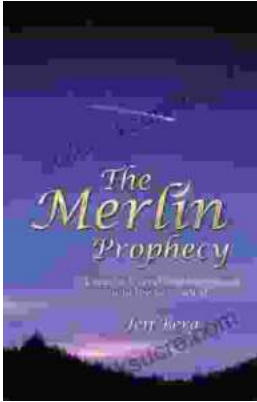
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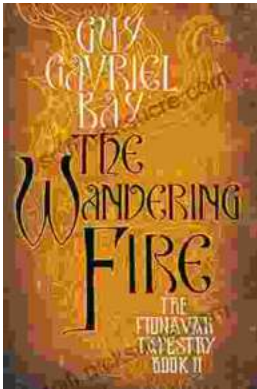
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