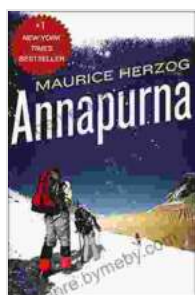
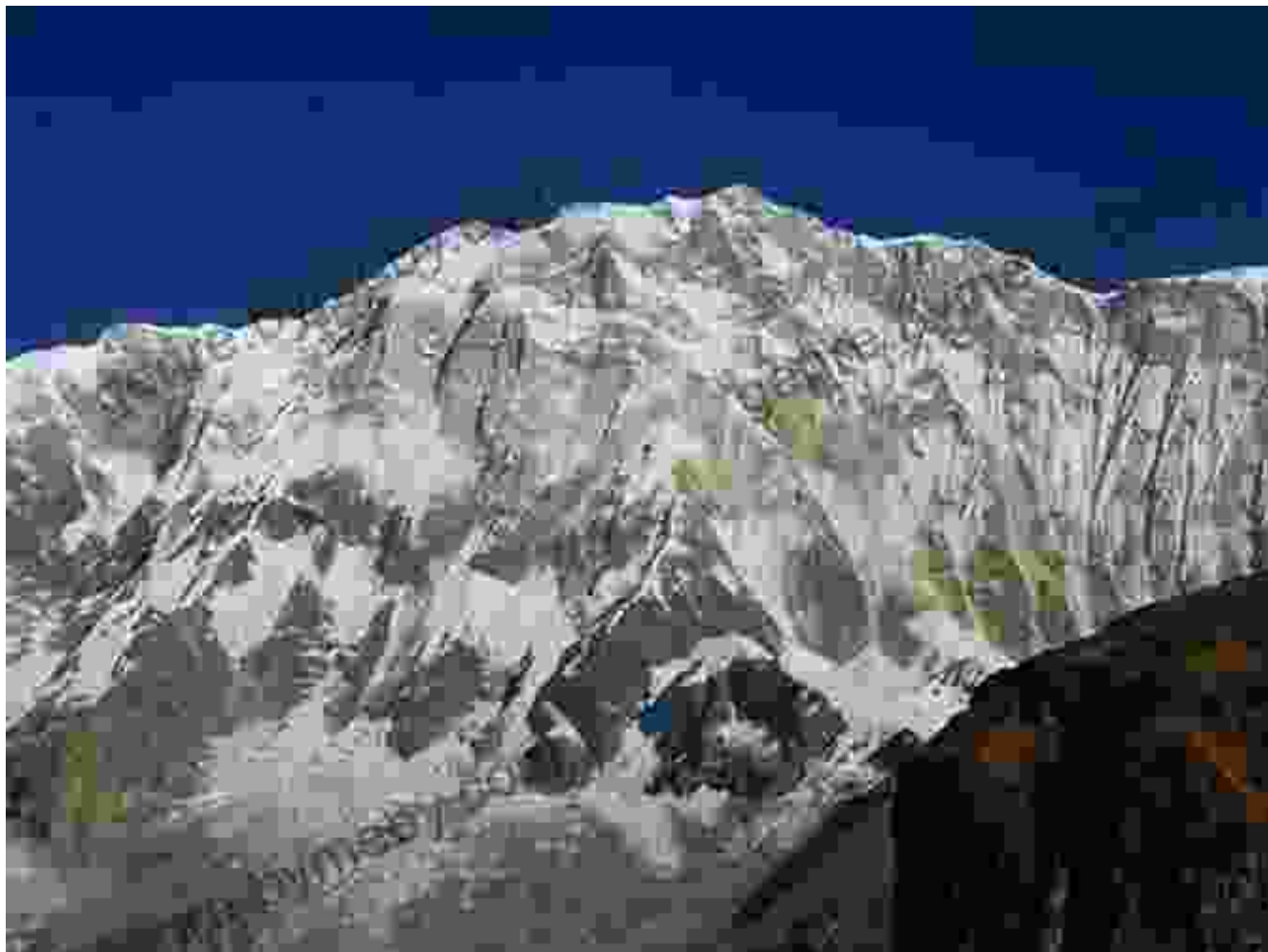


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The First Ascent

On June 3, 1950, a French expedition led by Maurice Herzog reached the summit of Annapurna, the first 8,000-meter peak to be climbed. The ascent was a major milestone in the history of mountaineering, and it remains one of the most challenging climbs in the world.

The expedition was composed of Herzog, Louis Lachenal, Lionel Terray, Gaston Rebuffat, and Marcel Ichac. They approached Annapurna from the south, and they established their base camp at an altitude of 4,900 meters. From there, they made several attempts on the summit, but they were thwarted by bad weather and altitude sickness.

On June 3, Herzog and Lachenal finally reached the summit. They were both severely frostbitten, and they had to be evacuated from the mountain by helicopter. The other members of the expedition also suffered from frostbite, and they were all hospitalized when they returned to France.

The Legacy of Annapurna

The first ascent of Annapurna was a major achievement in mountaineering, and it opened up the possibility of climbing other 8,000-meter peaks. In the years since the first ascent, over 300 climbers have reached the summit of Annapurna, but it remains one of the most dangerous mountains in the world. The death zone above 8,000 meters is extremely hostile, and climbers who venture into it risk altitude sickness, frostbite, and avalanches.

The legacy of Annapurna is also one of courage and determination. The first ascent was a triumph of human spirit, and it continues to inspire climbers around the world.

The Book

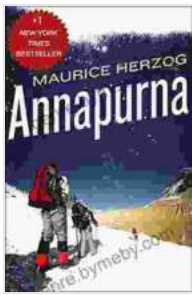
Annapurna: The First Conquest of an 8,000 Meter Peak is the story of the first ascent of Annapurna. The book was written by Maurice Herzog, the leader of the expedition, and it was first published in 1951. The book has been translated into over 30 languages, and it remains one of the most popular mountaineering books ever written.

The book is a gripping tale of adventure, courage, and tragedy. Herzog vividly describes the challenges that the expedition faced, and he provides a moving account of the summit day. The book is also a valuable historical document, and it provides a unique insight into the early days of Himalayan mountaineering.

If you are interested in mountaineering, or if you are simply looking for a great adventure story, then I highly recommend reading *Annapurna: The First Conquest of an 8,000 Meter Peak*.

Further Reading

- *Annapurna: The First Conquest of an 8,000 Meter Peak* on Our Book Library
- *National Geographic* article on the first ascent of Annapurna
- *The Atlantic* article on the 70th anniversary of the first ascent of Annapurna



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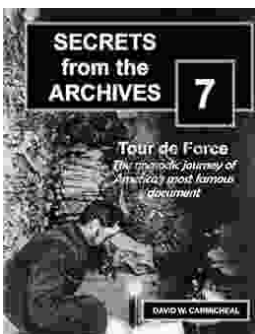
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