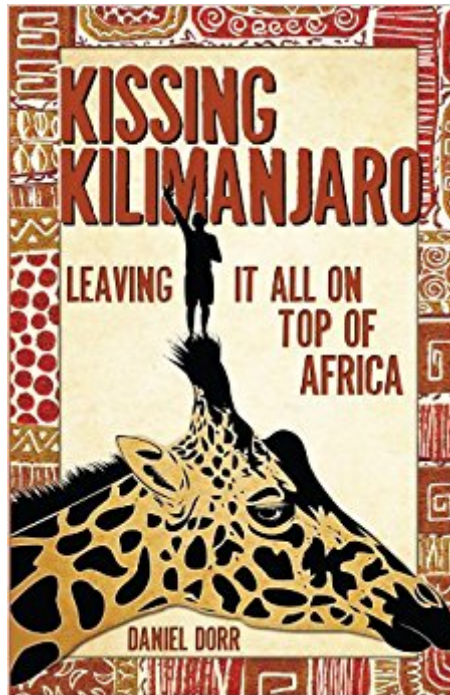


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Kissing Kilimanjaro: Leaving It All On Top Of Africa



Synopsis

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE FIRST CHAPTER](#)(Provide us with a little information and we'll send your download directly to your inbox)* Entertaining climbing narrative about a destination many dream of visiting * Perfect gift for adventure travelers and climbers alike * Dorr's story was featured on the Outdoor Life Network's "Countdown to the 25 Most Dangerous Places" Mount Kilimanjaro is sometimes called "Everyman's Everest" because it is possible for a novice climber to reach the summit. And every year, more than 30,000 adventure tourists try. But for each person who goes to the mountain, there are thousands more who chat about it at cocktail parties, making plans to go...someday. That's how Daniel Dorr got started: flirting with a beautiful brunette over hot cocoa and spouting impressive plans. Six months later, he was lying on the cold gravel trail at 18,000 feet, panting and hacking in the darkness. Dorr is a typical marketing exec by day but, amped up by his re-acquaintance with a romantic interest, he gained the determination to pursue one of his lifelong dreams -- summiting Kilimanjaro. When Dorr left behind the familiarity of his weekend-warrior lifestyle in Southern California to reach the top of the 19,340-foot peak, he didn't realize he would cross a threshold to a new way of life. As he fondles expensive hi-tech gear, gets vaccinated for the jungle, travels local-style across East Africa, and vomits on top of the African continent, readers share in the rewards, both large and small, of reaching for personal fulfillment through adventure travel.

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Customer Reviews

"Daniel Dorr's *Kissing Kilimanjaro* is a marvelous story, the kind of narrative that will

appeal to readers of hardcore mountaineering literature and casual travel mis-adventure stories alike. His observations about East Africa, the cultures and wildlife, and the adventure he ultimately circles in on – that is, climbing Kilimanjaro – are a delightful. (Kilimanjaro.com Editorial) "Kissing Kilimanjaro: Leaving It All on Top of Africa, by Daniel Dorr, is an ordinary guy's entertaining account of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro after an impromptu promise to a girl he wanted to impress." (National Geographic Traveler) An 2010 Book of the Year, Outdoors & Nature (Kilimanjaro.com)

DANIEL DORR has climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro twice as well as other mountains in California, Nevada, and Washington states. He co-founded Kilimanjaro Adventures with his wife, Lisa, which promotes and leads tours in Tanzania. When he is not out exploring the world and having fun in far off places, Dorr is earning a living as a Marketing Manager for Hewlett-Packard.

Have you ever been so engrossed in a book that its characters and scenes start showing up in your dreams? No? Me neither. That is, until I read Daniel Dorr's Kissing Kilimanjaro. I was nauseous from altitude sickness, exhausted from four days of hiking, and shivering from sub-zero cold. But the biggest battle I'd been fighting all day was a mental one. 'Don't quit!' I told myself. 'You can do this! Just a little bit farther.' But just as I thought I was winning the mental battle, I started losing the physical one. I collapsed in the snow, unable to move. Is this really how it's supposed to end? But I'm so close! I fight to stand, but can only manage to shake uncontrollably. The bitter disappointment felt so real. According to my wife, I was thrashing around in bed before I woke in a cold sweat. Realizing I had been dreaming, I looked over at my bedside table to see my copy of Kissing Kilimanjaro. I'd made the mistake of not finishing the book before going to sleep. A mistake I wouldn't make again. Am I interested in climbing a mountain like Kilimanjaro in real life? No need. I've already been there, and done that.

After reading theology book after theology book for a few months in preparation for the Theology in Ministry class, I was excited to read a light book about mountain climbing. It has been a dream of mine to climb this mountain. People call this a "everyman Everest." This is because you can climb it with no technical skills. Not that climbing this peak is easy, any time you go up to over 19,000 feet, it is going to cause some pain. People struggle climbing up to 14,000 feet, so adding 5000 more feet is going to hurt. The author does an excellent job of making this book fun. It was exciting to hear about his adventures. He talks about the history of the peak, the place of African, the people of the

land, and some about his heart. He seemed to really connect with this culture. You noticed yourself in reading this book, rooting for the guy. He was just a average joe, but a good guy. You seem to like him in the book, not because he is great, but because he is just a guy who tries to climb this huge peak. It was a excellent adventure book and just what I needed after a couple months of theology. I needed to know that there was still fresh air up high.

I re-read some parts of the climb many times as I was going through those parts myself. I even made mental notes in my head as I passed some milestones mentioned in the book and it helped me with my motivation through the summit. I feel bad for the author's wife whom he "praised" for I guess putting up with him as he constantly left her behind because her pace was not fast enough for him. He also had some strong words for other women just because they were in better shape and passed him on the trail. Overall though the book is informative and entertaining and I spent several evenings with it in my tent on the way to the summit.

When I started reading this, I couldn't put it down - finished it in a weekend, which is not usually my pace! I really enjoyed the stories and emotions that the author shared. I went to Tanzania in March 2011 to climb Kilimanjaro and go on safari with my boyfriend and another couple. I'm pretty sure my boyfriend and I followed the author's first approach - some physical preparation, but not necessarily what we should have done. Fortunately our bodies adjusted pretty well to the altitude and we all made it to the top. After reading this book, I have much more appreciation for the lack of control one has adjusting to the altitude and I'm grateful that I didn't struggle much with it. There were so many familiar scenes, phrases, and stories from our trip in this book - I found myself frequently reading parts of it out loud to my boyfriend. In summary, if you are considering this climb and want a modern realistic perspective, I highly recommend reading this!

I plan to climb Kilimanjaro in a few weeks so I bought this book in order to get a better idea of what I'm facing - I'm a book nerd so online articles just weren't enough for me. This book was well written, in my opinion. I think the author does a great job of telling his story, which imparting information about what to expect for this type of climb, what some of the pitfalls could be, and therefore how to prepare for a better chance at success. I enjoyed it immensely.

For anyone interested in serious hiking and, of course, anyone interested in climbing Kili this is a great read. the author's style brings the mountain and the whole experience down to a very human

narrative, making you feel that, with enough preparation, you too can undertake a similar adventure. I feel that I now have a good understanding of what to expect both from the mountain and the people of Tanzania.

This was the first mountain-climbing book I've ever read, and I wondered what I would find in it, whether it would hold my attention, or leave me behind in a flurry of alpinisms that I couldn't understand ("Gore-tex"? What's that?). Well, I loved it! Having never even considered what it might be like to visit Africa and climb a mountain for fun, I found my cozy armchair to be the perfect spot for enjoying the view! Dan tells his tale with humor and flow, allowing us to laugh along with him as he discovers Africa, Kilimanjaro, Germany, Kili again~ and along the way, finds out more about himself and what drives him. (The lesson seems to be that in reaching for a summit, you'll find out more about yourself than you'll find about the mountain.) He describes his experiences with clarity~ I came away from the book feeling like he'd taken us all up there with him. Still having no wish to climb Kili for myself (no showering for 7 days? feh.), I'm grateful for that vicarious experience!

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