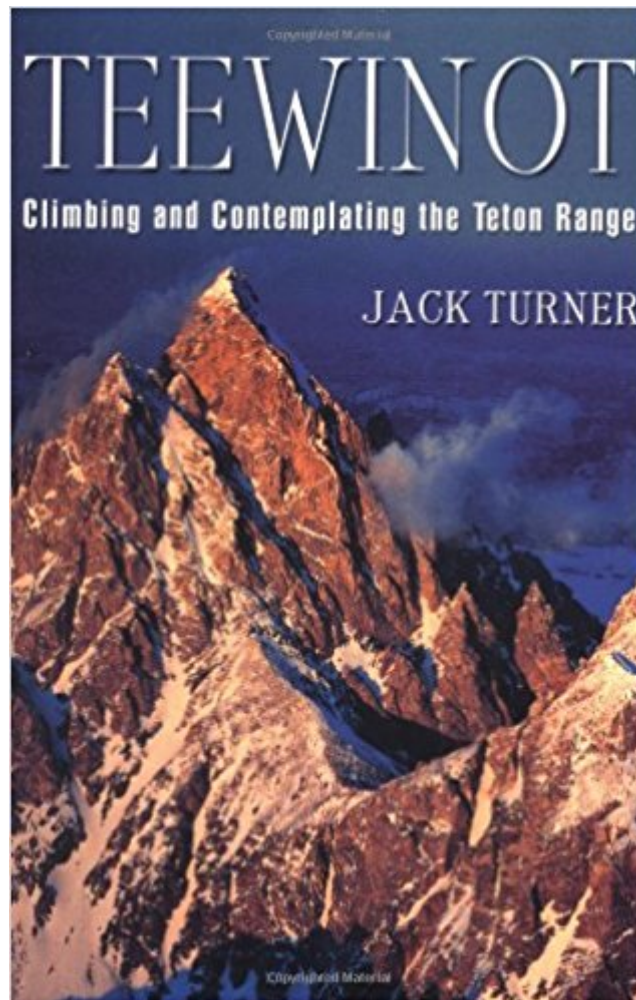




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Teewinot: Climbing And Contemplating The Teton Range



Synopsis

Jack Turner grew up with an image of the Tetons engraved in his mind. As a young man, he climbed the peaks of this singular range with basic climbing gear and friends. Later in life, he led treks in India, Pakistan, Nepal, China, Tibet, and Peru, but he always returned to the mountains of his youth: the Tetons. *Teewinot* is his ode to forty years in the mountains that he loves. This is a book about a mountain range, its climbs, its weather, and the glory of the wild. It is also about a small group of climbers-nomads who inhabit the Teton Range each summer, and who know it as intimately as it will ever be known. *Teewinot* is a remarkable account of what it is like to live and work in these spectacular mountains. It has something for everyone—spellbinding accounts of dangerous and deadly climbs, unbridled awe at the beauty of nature, and an extreme passion for the environmental issues facing America today. In this series of recollections, one of America's most beautiful national parks comes alive with beauty, mystery, and power.

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—*Outside magazine*
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“Each place must find its muse. The Tetons have found theirs and his name is Jack Turner.”
—Terry Tempest Williams, author of *Coyote's Canyon*

Jack Turner was educated at the University of Colorado and Cornell University and taught philosophy at the University of Illinois. Since 1975, he has traveled in India, Pakistan, Nepal, China, Tibet, Bhutan, and Peru, leading more than forty treks and expeditions. He has lived in Grand Teton National Park for the past twenty-two years and teaches mountaineering during the summers at Exum Mountain Guides. He is the author of a collection of essays, *The Abstract Wild*, and a forthcoming account of travels in the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem.

I will be backpacking in Grand Teton NP this summer, so I bought this book in hopes of learning more about the area from an individual who is familiar with the park. This book was perfect for me. Turner takes the reader through a year in the Tetons based on his experiences living and working there as an Exum climbing guide for over 30 years. He paints a marvelous picture of each season, including flora and fauna that he sees, weather patterns, and trails he hikes. He describes different climbs he has done in the park, including those he has guided and those he has completed recreationally with friends. He occasionally presents his philosophical viewpoint on different topics, including the idea of "wilderness", and the way man interacts with nature. I enjoyed his writing style, and his ability to communicate to the reader his love for Grand Teton National Park. He made me love it as well, and I cannot wait to see it in person.

Last year I was planning my first trip to Jackson Hole and GTNP and picked up this book because I was looking for some first hand stories about the area. I was pleased. I read *Teewinot* during the early planning phases (months in advance) of a three day backpacking loop just north of the cathedral group. In addition to great stories, Turner's details about wildlife, weather, and landscape helped paint an accurate picture of what I was getting myself into. I reread the book on the cross country trip out there before the adventure and wasn't at all disappointed or bored the second time through. I'd recommend this book to anyone interested in GTNP, climbing, or wilderness adventuring.

A masterpiece of nature/outdoors writing. A very nice combination of what it's like to live in the Tetons as well as climb them (Turner's climbed the Grand Teton over 400 times, oi vey). This is in my all-time favorite Top 10, probably at about #3.

I have read *Teewinot* several times and have given it away countless more times. A glorious meditation by a mountaineer and philosopher with a gift for subtle observations.

Very well written. And Jack's impressive wherewithal of his home area is impressive and makes for highly enjoyable reading. I recommend this book to anyone who spends time in nature.

Even though my wife and I have only visited the Teton range three times, I could relate to all the places mentioned in this wonderful book. Glad I purchased it.

Ho hum "this is my outdoors book." If you are acquainted with the area, this is interesting but NOT compelling reading. Having myself climbed almost all the major peaks in the area, I found the reading simpatico, but I found it easy to put the book down. I think I wasted my time buying it.

Jack Turner makes you feel like you're there in his world, a world everyone ought to know more about and care more about. Just reading his book feels like an adventure in itself.

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