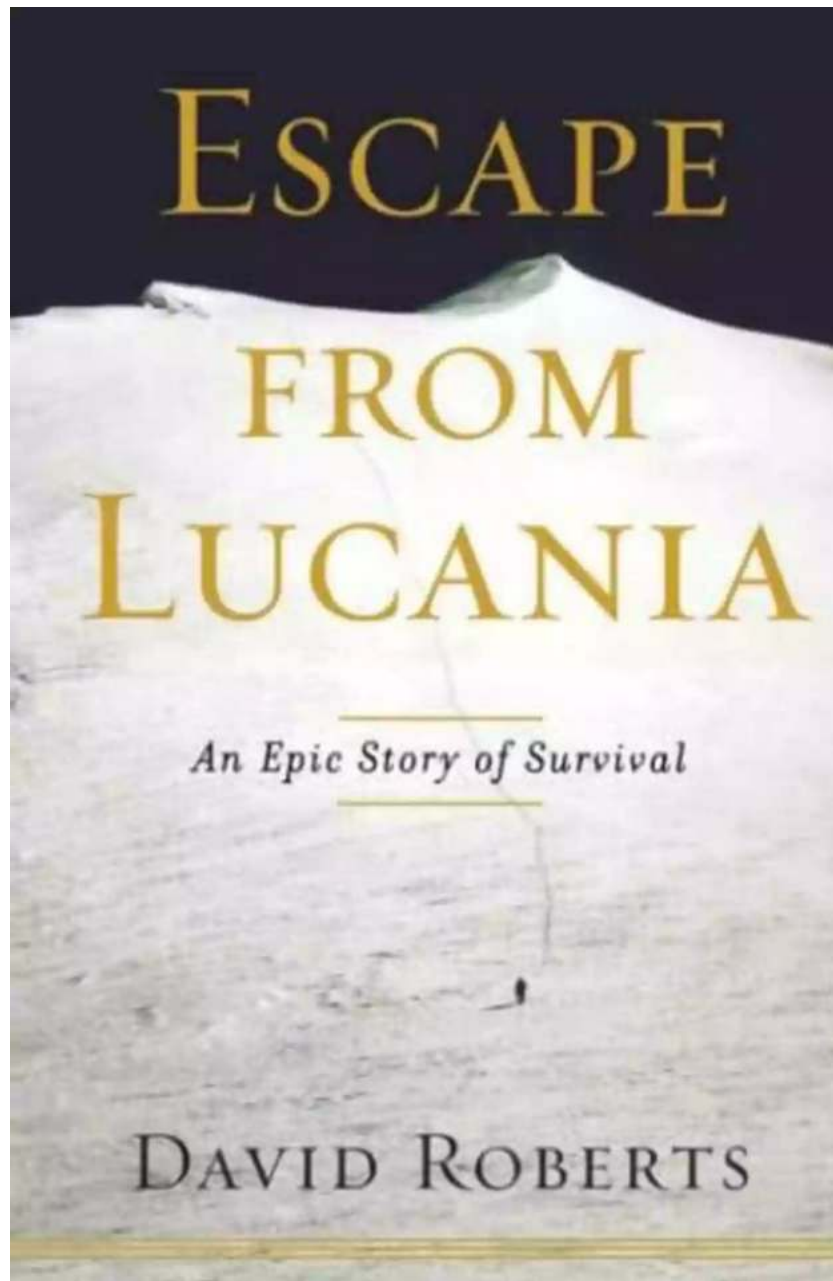


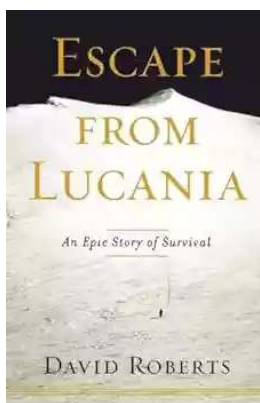
# Escape From Lucania: An Epic Story Of Survival



Have you ever heard a story so extraordinary that it leaves you in awe? Escape From Lucania is one such tale that will capture your imagination and fill you with admiration for the resilience of the human spirit.

## A Journey of Peril and Courage

In the year 1937, two brave mountaineers, Alfred Aufschnaiter and Fritz Kasperek, set out on a daring expedition to conquer Mount Lucania in the remote wilderness of Canada's Yukon Territory. Little did they know that their expedition would soon turn into a fight for survival against all odds.



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The duo's journey began with high hopes of successfully ascending the treacherous peaks of Lucania. However, a series of unfortunate events, including a severe storm and a debilitating injury, left them stranded on the mountain's icy slopes.



With limited supplies and no means of communication, Aufschnaiter and Kasperek faced a daunting challenge. They were forced to make one difficult decision after another, testing the limits of their physical and mental strength. The harsh climate, treacherous terrain, and constant threat of avalanches added to their struggle.

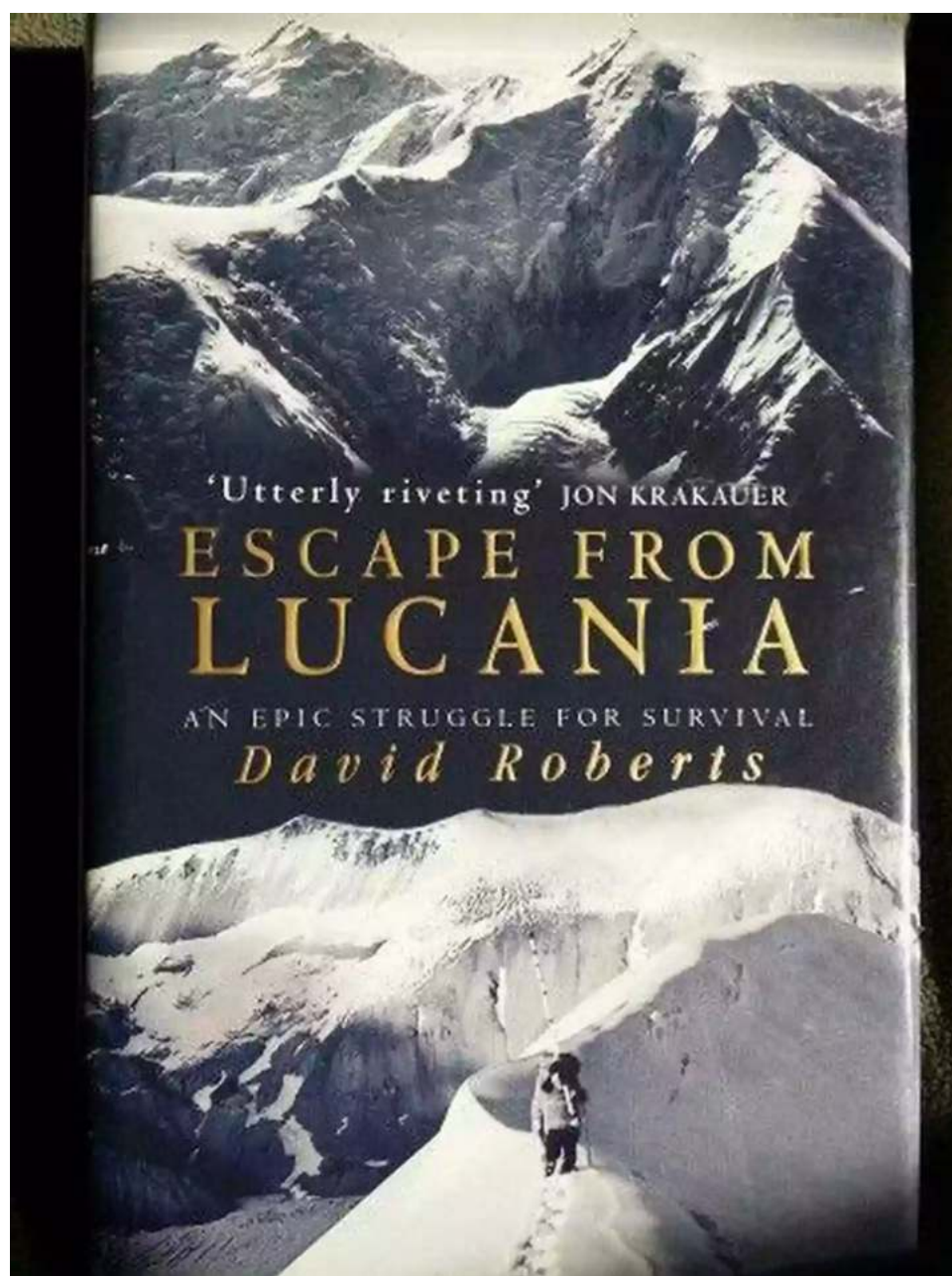
### **The Battle Against Nature's Wrath**

For seven long months, the two mountaineers battled against nature's wrath. They fought hunger, frostbite, and the constant fear of death. Their story is a testament to human endurance and the sheer will to survive.

Each day was a battle to stay alive. With limited rations, they had to carefully manage their resources. They resorted to eating raw vegetables and even boiling

their leather shoes to extract precious nutrients. Every step they took, every decision they made, was crucial to their survival.

Escaping from Lucania seemed like an impossible dream. However, Aufschneider and Kasperek persisted, fueled by the belief that they could overcome any obstacle. Their determination and resilience pushed them forward, inch by agonizing inch.



## **The Triumph of the Human Spirit**

Finally, after months of struggle, Aufschnaiter and Kasperek managed to make their way down from the treacherous slopes of Mount Lucania. Their triumphant return to civilization was nothing short of a miracle.

Their incredible story of survival captivated the world, inspiring many with the power of the human spirit in the face of adversity. The book *Escape From Lucania*, written by Aufschnaiter himself, details their harrowing experience and serves as a testament to the strength of the human will.

*Escape From Lucania* is more than just a story of survival. It is a tale that reminds us of the indomitable spirit within all of us. It shows that even in the darkest of times, hope can be found, and miracles can happen.

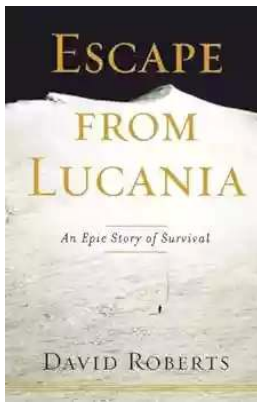
## **A Story that Transcends Time**

*Escape From Lucania* continues to resonate with readers today. It serves as a reminder that life's challenges can be overcome with determination, resilience, and unwavering hope.

Their epic journey serves as a source of inspiration for anyone facing difficult circumstances. It teaches us that even when the odds are stacked against us, we have the power to overcome and emerge stronger.

*Escape From Lucania* is a gripping tale of survival that will leave you spellbound. It showcases the untapped potential that lies within each of us and reminds us that miracles can happen even in the most hopeless situations.

So, immerse yourself in the extraordinary journey of Aufschnaiter and Kasperek as they battle against nature's fury and emerge victorious. Prepare to be amazed by the resilience of the human spirit in *Escape From Lucania*.



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In 1937, Mount Lucania was the highest unclimbed peak in North America. Located deep within the Saint Elias mountain range, which straddles the border of Alaska and the Yukon, and surrounded by glacial peaks, Lucania was all but inaccessible. The leader of one failed expedition deemed it "impregnable." But in that year, a pair of daring young climbers would attempt a first ascent, not knowing that their quest would turn into a perilous struggle for survival. Escape from Lucania is their remarkable story.

Classmates and fellow members of the Harvard Mountaineering Club, Brad Washburn and Bob Bates were two talented young men -- handsome, intelligent, and filled with a zest for exploring. Both were ambitious climbers, part of a small group whose first ascents in the great mountain ranges during the 1930s and 1940s changed the face of American mountaineering. Setting their sights on summitting Lucania in the summer of 1937, Washburn and Bates put together a team of four climbers for the expedition. But when Bates and Washburn flew to the Walsh Glacier at the foot of Lucania, they discovered that freakish weather conditions had turned the ice to slush. Their pilot was barely able to take off again alone, and there was no question of returning with the other two climbers or more

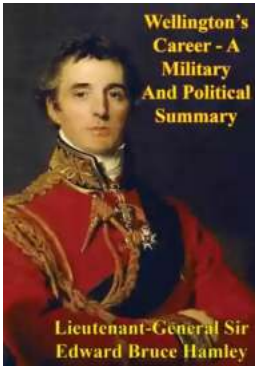


supplies. Washburn and Bates found themselves marooned on the glacier, more than a hundred miles from help, in forbidding and desolate territory. Eschewing a trek out to the nearest mining town -- eighty miles away by air -- they decided to press ahead with their expedition.

Escape from Lucania recounts Washburn and Bates's determined drive toward Lucania's 17,150-foot summit under constant threat of avalanches, blinding snowstorms, and hidden crevasses. Against awesome odds they became the first to set foot on Lucania's peak, not realizing that their greatest challenge still lay beyond. Nearly a month after being stranded on the glacier and with their supplies running dangerously low, they would have to navigate their way out through uncharted Yukon territory, racing against time as the summer warmth caused rivers to swell and flood to unfordable depths. But even as their situation grew more and more desperate, they refused to give up.

Escape from Lucania tells this amazing story in thrilling and vivid detail, from the climbers' exultation at reaching the summit to their darkest moments confronting seemingly insurmountable obstacles. It is a tale of awesome adventure and harrowing danger. But above all it is the story of two men of extraordinary spirit, inspiring comradeship, and great courage.

Today Washburn and Bates, now in their nineties, are legends in climbing circles. Bates co-led 1938 and 1953 expeditions to K2, the world's second-highest mountain. Washburn, whose record of Alaskan first ascents is unmatched, became founding director of Boston's Museum of Science and is one of the premier mountain photographers in the world. Some of his remarkable images from the 1937 Lucania expedition are included in this book.



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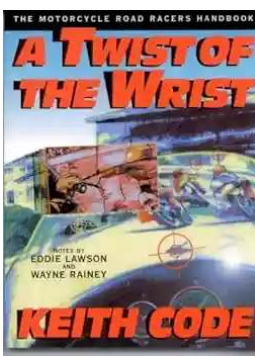
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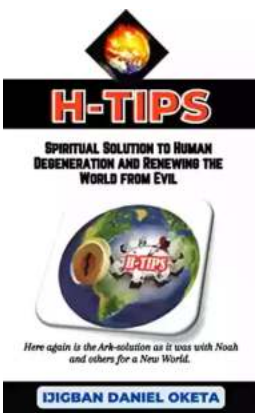
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