

Code 1244: The 1986 Mount Hood Tragedy

On the morning of May 10, 1986, nine climbers set out to summit Mount Hood, Oregon's highest peak. The weather forecast was clear, and the climbers were confident they would reach the top without incident. But as they approached the summit, a sudden snowstorm hit, and the climbers were quickly caught in a whiteout. They lost their way and wandered aimlessly for hours. By the time they finally found their way back to the trail, they were exhausted and hypothermic.



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One of the climbers, a 24-year-old woman named Rhonda Richman, collapsed on the trail and died. The remaining eight climbers continued on, but they were soon forced to stop due to the worsening weather conditions. They huddled together for warmth and waited for help to arrive.

Help did not arrive. The storm continued to rage, and the climbers were stranded on the mountain for two nights. By the time rescuers finally reached them, it was too late. All eight climbers had died of hypothermia.

The Mount Hood Tragedy was one of the deadliest climbing disasters in American history. It shocked the mountaineering community and raised questions about the safety of climbing Mount Hood. In the aftermath of the tragedy, new safety measures were put in place, including a mandatory permit system for climbers and a requirement that all climbers carry avalanche beacons.

Code 1244 is a gripping and harrowing account of the Mount Hood Tragedy. Filled with exclusive interviews, expert analysis, and never-before-seen photographs, Code 1244 provides a comprehensive look at one of the darkest chapters in mountaineering history.

The Climbers

The nine climbers who died in the Mount Hood Tragedy were:

* Rhonda Richman, 24 * Robert Gregory, 23 * Michael Park, 23 * Lynne Thomas, 23 * Michael Hagerty, 24 * Stuart Peterson, 24 * Lane Atkins, 25 * Dale Dahla, 25 * Steven Dahlke, 25

All of the climbers were experienced mountaineers, and they had all summited Mount Hood before. But on that fateful day in May 1986, a sudden snowstorm caught them off guard, and they were unable to find their way back to safety.

The Storm

The storm that hit Mount Hood on May 10, 1986, was a sudden and powerful one. The wind whipped up to 70 miles per hour, and the snow fell in blinding sheets. The climbers were quickly caught in a whiteout, and they lost their way. They wandered aimlessly for hours, and by the time they

finally found their way back to the trail, they were exhausted and hypothermic.

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The Rescue

The rescue of the Mount Hood climbers was a difficult and dangerous one. The rescuers had to battle through deep snow and high winds to reach the climbers. When they finally reached them, they found the climbers huddled together, frozen to death.

The rescue of the Mount Hood climbers was a tragic end to a harrowing ordeal. The climbers had been caught in a sudden and powerful storm, and they were unable to find their way back to safety. They died of hypothermia, and their bodies were not found until two days later.

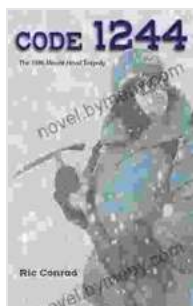
The Aftermath

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The Mount Hood Tragedy is a reminder of the dangers of mountaineering. It is important to be prepared for all types of weather conditions, and to

know your limits. If you are caught in a storm, it is important to stay calm and to find shelter. If you are lost, it is important to stay put and to wait for help to arrive.

The Mount Hood Tragedy is a tragedy that should never be forgotten. It is a reminder of the dangers of mountaineering, and it is a reminder of the importance of being prepared.



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