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Since the first successful ascent of everest 50 years ago, many others have attempted the daunting summit, and many have succeeded. But, though everest can be climbed, it cannot be conquered. Few know this as well as david breashears. A filmmaker and veteran climber of the himalaya, breashears agreed to lead the may 1996 expedition that would capture everest in a large-format imax motion picture. Even in the best conditions, breashears knew, everest is a dangerous challenge-that may, an unexpected blizzard proved how deadly it could be. Shocking the world, the storm claimed the lives of eight climbers, including two of the world's top expedition leaders. Everest is the breathtaking chronicle of a filmmaking expedition turned rescue mission, and of the courage and cooperation of breashears and his team as they rose to the life or death challenge. A companion to breashears's record-grossing large-format film, everest features an introduction by outside magazine editor-at-large tim cahill, an afterword by david breashears, and 125 stunning, full-color images, including imax frames from the film. Editorial reviews bringing an understated yet powerful buddhist/sherpa ethical perspective to the tragedy on everest chronicled in jon krakauer's into thin air, coburn reports on the imax film crew who participated in the rescue effort when the may 1996 expeditions led by guides rob hall and scott fischer ended in death and crippling injury. Charged with the daunting task of capturing everest on panoramic imax film and packing video equipment along with the cumbersome, specially made imax camera, expedition leader david breashears made the moral choice to join the rescue rather than film the tragedy for the nightly news. Nonetheless, breashears's team, which included the american-educated sherpa jamling tenzing norgay, whose father reached the summit of everest with sir edmund hillary in 1953, went on to make cinematic history. The dramatically beautiful photograph

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