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"We saw the great mountain standing up from its base at the end of [the valley], a more glorious sight than I can attempt to describe ... the most steep ridges and appalling precipices that I have ever seen ... I can't tell you how it possesses me, and what a prospect it is."

These are the words of the pioneering British mountaineer George Mallory when he first set eyes on Everest as he trekked up the Rongbuk Valley in 1921. He failed to get very high up the mountain that year, but discovered the route up to the North Col which expeditions to the summit continue to use to this day.

In April 2007, Mark Horrell had just left work and was setting off on what was to prove an extensive caper around the mountainous regions of Central Asia. He wanted to see Everest from its Tibetan base camp, one of the most famous mountain views in the world, but he also wanted to climb a little higher up the mountain and have a sense of what it might have been like for Mallory.

His expedition to over 7000m on the North Col of Everest, aiming to climb a separate 7000m summit called Lhakpa Ri in the process, was a new experience for him, as he'd never been that high in his life before. The ascent to the North Col was entertaining enough and a real highlight, but he was also blessed with some interesting travelling companions who provided a number of comic interludes.

In the Footsteps of Mallory is his travel journal, and will appeal to anyone with a fascination for the highest mountain on Earth and the history surrounding it. The eBook also contains many of the author's photographs.



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