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Editorial Review

From Library Journal

Flagstaff, AZ-based authors Ghiglieri, a biologist who leads river trips in the Grand Canyon and abroad, and Myers (Fateful Journey: Injury and Death on Colorado River Trips in Grand Canyon), a medical doctor who has treated hundreds of Canyon injuries, have compiled a fascinating chronicle of deaths and dangers in Grand Canyon National Park. The book is arranged by category falls, dehydration, floods, the Colorado River, air crashes, freak accidents, suicides, and murder and at the end of each chapter is a chronological list with names, descriptions, and causes of the accidents. The authors show that most of the deaths, whether of tourists, prospectors, or experienced adventurers, occurred when people failed to pay attention to warning signs or did not use common sense; others are attributed to high testosterone levels. The episodes are engrossing, but one becomes sated with the details after a while. For public and large academic libraries.

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Review

"Man Meets Grand Canyon-and Underestimates It" expose a death toll that leaves Mount Everest's appalling record in the dust -- *Prescott Daily Courier*

A must-read for anyone planning on going into the Grand Canyon. whether you are hiking, river running or just visiting. -- *Flagstaff Live!*

Backpackers will find these tales riveting and the lessons applicable to all rugged hiking. -- *Backpacker magazine*

It's packed full of information that both men hope will teach readers valuable lessons about safety in Grand Canyon. -- *Arizona Daily Sun*

Perhaps the park should allow the book to be sold on the Rim Trail. -- *Williams-Grand Canyon News*

About the Author

Michael P Ghiglieri has worked as a wilderness river guide since 1974. He earned is Ph.D in Biological Ecology from the University of California at Davis for his research project on wild chimpanzees in Uganda. He has run more than 600 commercial whitewater trips in the U.S., Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Sumatra, Java, Papau New Guinea, Peru, Turkey, Australia, and Canada. His expeditions include well over 100 two-week trips in Grand Canyon as a rowing or paddling guide/trip leader or NPS River Ranger. Ghiglieri has spent 1,500 days inside the Canyon and has rendered assistance as an EMT during many accidents. His previous book on Grand Canyon, Canyon, was hailed by the Library Journal as "the single best introduction to a myriad of aspects of this 'most impressive place' this reviewer has seen. Recommended for all..."

Thomas M. Myers earned his M.D. from the University of Arizona and worked as a physician at Grand Canyon for nearly a decade, living at the South Rim with his family. Myers began exploring Grand Canyon at age ten and never stopped. He has hiked the Canyon backcountry extensively and rowed the Colorado River several times. Myers has seen, responded to, treated, and tried to understand the ontogeny of thousands of injuries and of all too many traumatic fatalities occurring in the Canyon. Myers, with co-

authors Chris Becker and Larry Stevens, made the first-ever detailed statistical analysis of river accidents in their book *Fateful Journey: Injury and Death on Colorado River Trips in Grand Canyon*, dispelling many previously held myths about the risks of running the Colorado.

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