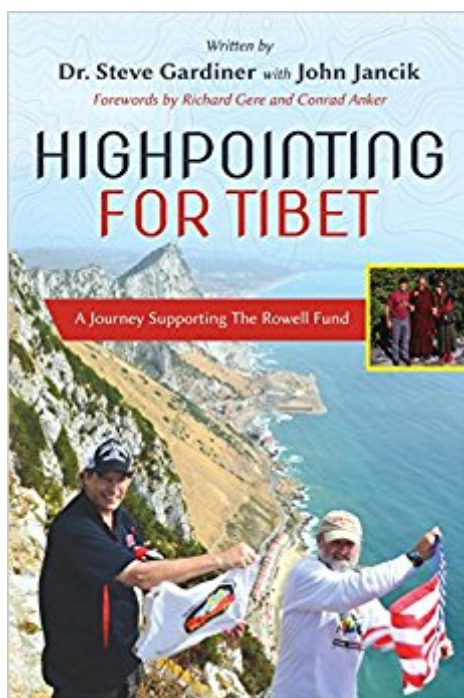


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Highpointing For Tibet: A Journey Supporting The Rowell Fund



Synopsis

Highpointing for Tibet: A Journey Supporting The Rowell Fund By Dr. Steve Gardiner with John Jancik

John Jancik wanted the 50 for Tibet project to spend a year climbing state highpoints to raise money for The Rowell Fund for Tibet, an organization that provides grants to support Tibetan writers, artists, and musicians living in Tibet and elsewhere. The project reached the highpoints of more than 40 states that first year. Now, eleven years later, the project is alive and well and has extended to international highpoints, raised more than \$250,000, and increased awareness of human rights violations in Chinese-occupied Tibet. The 50 for Tibet group experienced planning and dreaming, hope and joy, fear and sadness. Highpointing For Tibet provides a background on the situation in Tibet and takes the reader on a journey across the United States to mountains such as Mount Whitney, Mount Rainier, Granite Peak, Mount Katahdin, and beyond the U.S. borders to Ecuador, Norway, Sweden, Japan, Australia, Spain, and more as Team HighPoint chases adventure in support of The Rowell Fund for Tibet.

“This wonderful book tells the story of how a small group of motivated individuals, touched by the beauty of Tibetan culture, can make a big difference to the lives of many,” said Matteo Mecacci, President of the International Campaign for Tibet. Gardiner recently retired after teaching high school English and journalism for 38 years. He is the 2008 Montana Teacher of the Year and is a National Board Certified Teacher. He has published over 600 articles in The New York Times, The Chicago Tribune, The Christian Science Monitor, Educational Leadership, Phi Delta Kappan and many others. He has published three books about mountain climbing and one about teaching reading. Jancik, who owned a geophysical company for over 26 years, has previously published one book about original geographic exploration and mountain climbing. A native of Wisconsin who currently resides in Colorado, he has climbed mountains on six continents. John Mitchler, editor of the Highpointers Club quarterly magazine A to Z said, “I have watched the development of the 50 for Tibet initiative, and was always eager to publish updates and promote what I believe is one of the most significant cultural causes in the world. Visiting the 50 highpoints has become an attractive vehicle for many charities lately, but none have pursued it with the conviction and success seen by 50 for Tibet. The expansion of their mission to country highpoints around the world has definitely added a unique angle to their story, and proves their deep support for Tibet.” The book has 38 black and white photographs inside.

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I couldn't recommend this book more to those interested in travel, nature, mountaineering, adventures, activism, mindfulness, Tibetan culture, the struggle in Tibet, art, spirituality, or for those who feel motivated by inspirational stories. The writing is concise, descriptive, well-organized, and had me reeling with emotions to mirror those of the events described. These are stories that define the difficulties faced by mountaineers and the equally-as-grand camaraderie that is created through such endeavors. Everything experienced was brought together by the aim of raising awareness of the conflicts in Tibet and raising money for the "Rowell Fund for Tibet" that supports Tibetan artists and musicians in a way that honors and preserves the lives of Tibetans, as well as the lives of wilderness photographer Galen Rowell and his wife Barbara. In the book, it's obvious that throughout the highpointing adventures, success is not defined by whether or not you reach the summit; instead, success is born through the deep connections and the truth you share with others, much like that of the struggle in Tibet. John, Steve, and all of Team Highpoint worked to contribute (through raising awareness and money for the Rowell Fund) to the successful bonds, connections,

and expressions that help define Tibetans' culture and their sense of identity; an identity that cannot be taken by the Chinese government or anyone else, but that stays alive through their art, music, and spirituality. That is, through their deep connections and bonds. A book truly written from the heart that elevates one's sense of humanity, compassion, and true adventure!

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