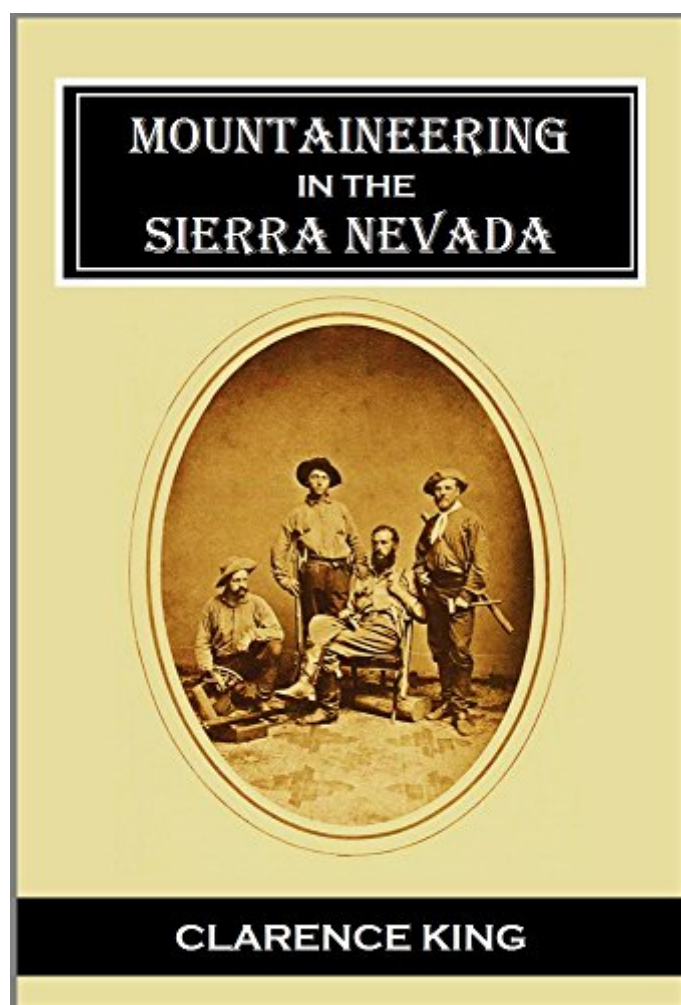


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Clarence Rivers King (1842-1901) was an American geologist, mountaineer, and author. He served as the first director of the United States Geological Survey from 1879 to 1881. King was noted for his exploration of the Sierra Nevada. King joined the California Geological Survey without pay, and worked with William H. Brewer, Josiah D. Whitney and later Gardiner and Richard D. Cotter. In July 1864, King and Cotter made the first ascent of a peak in the Eastern Sierra that King named Mount Tyndall in honor of one of his heroes. From there they discovered several higher peaks, including the one that came to be named Mount Whitney. In September 1864, upon the designation by President Abraham Lincoln of the Yosemite Valley area as a permanent public reserve, King and Gardiner were appointed to make a boundary survey around the rim of Yosemite Valley. Over the next six years King and his team explored areas from eastern California to Wyoming. During that time he also published his famous *Mountaineering in the Sierra Nevada*. This book published in 1902 has been reformatted for the Kindle and may contain an occasional defect from the original publication or from the reformatting.

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A wonderful personal account of exploring and surveying California as a member of Whitney's original survey team and later as a government surveyor of Yosemite National Park

Clarence King was a great mountaineer, but he gets a little wordy in this book. I was dissapointed with some of the content and entertained with some of the stories. Overall there are many better writings out there.

A must read for geology and earth science professionals and for those interested in the history of the US.

a bit long but these guys were very good writers

This is a great book written along time ago about the Sierras. My mothers father gave her the book and she got one for me. I purchased this for my friend who is an avid hiker in the Sierras.

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