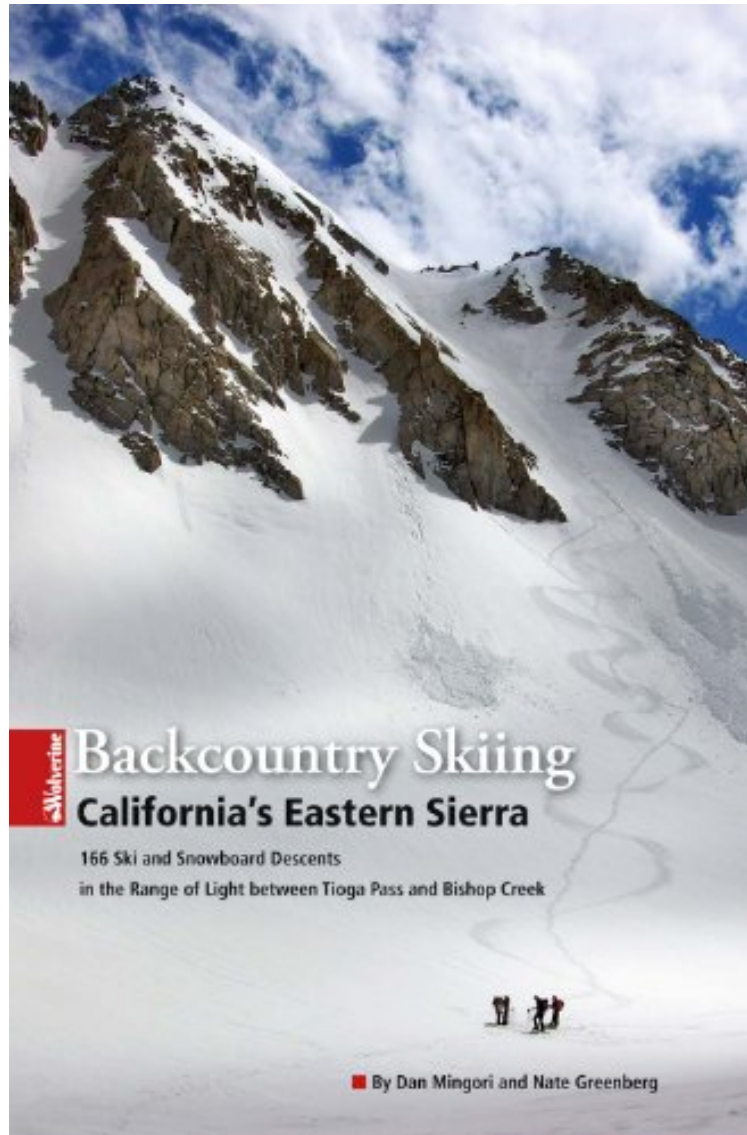


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Dan Mingori, Nate Greenberg : Backcountry Skiing California's Eastern Sierra before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Backcountry Skiing California's Eastern Sierra:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Arguably one of the best CA backcountry ski guide books.By Brent FremmingMuch work and editing went into creating this well-illustrated backcountry ski book. The vernacular "backcountry skiing" encompasses both AT-skiing, telemark-skiing and split-snowboarding.This book addresses wonderful and challenging routes in the Sierra. Attempting any of these routes need to be taken very seriously by the

prospective winter adventurer through avalanche preparedness, physical training, and common-sense. Many of the routes may require proper rope handling and climbing experience; these are only for the most-experienced. This book is one of the most attractive I have seen in a while and well worth its \$29.00 stamped cover price. I do not know if the book continues to be in print, so I would leap at an opportunity to purchase it if you have a chance. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Unfair review..By Jonathan BowerSo this is an unfair review because I bought this book but haven't made it to the eastern sierra yet. I keep trying but somehow get stuck in the south tahoe backcountry. That being said -- the book is well organized, has good route descriptions and great pictures. I have certainly been picking out lines for next year. Hopefully we get a bigger pack. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four StarsBy Jeremiah Saizreally detailed and informative.

Backcountry skiing and snowboarding is the fastest growing outdoor winter sport in North America, and California's Eastern Sierra is one of the most dramatic and historic venues in which to experience this amazing activity. While toiling up a mountain in the winter with skis on your back just for the sake of one run down may seem like a lot of work to some, those who have had even a small taste of this sublime pursuit will be hooked forever; endless untracked snow, astounding views, a great workout, time spent in the wilderness with friends, and the unparalleled exhilaration of pointing the tips of your skis or snowboard over the summit of a great peak define it as poetry in motion. Dan Mingori and Nate Greenberg have been backcountry disciples of the Mammoth Lakes, CA, area for many years, and have compiled an epic list of descents and advice in their new guidebook *Backcountry Skiing California's Eastern Sierra, 166 Ski and Snowboard Descents in the Range of Light between Tioga Pass and Bishop Creek*. Dan is a dedicated split-board snowboarder and photographer, and Nate is a knee-dropping telemarker who helps run the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center. The best backcountry skiing in the Eastern Sierra is centered on the town of Mammoth Lakes, and Dan and Nate have made sure that nothing is left out of the broad area covered in the book, extending from Tioga Pass in the north to Bishop Creek in the south. From the backyard runs on the Mammoth Crest to the roadside accessible Tioga Pass, and the epic wilderness peaks like Mt. Tom and Laurel Mountain, this guide serves as both the ultimate introductory resource and the experienced hard-man's hit list. The book is printed in color, 240 pages, and packed with useful information. It includes scores of annotated color topographic maps and hundreds of color photographs. The authors give a written description for each approach and descent along with useful statistics for gauging conditions and seriousness, including the slope, aspect, and angle, vertical gained and mileage of the approach, and a seriousness rating. The extensive use of color action and peak shots makes this book an incredible expos of the Sierra in winter. Regardless of skiing ability, any mountain enthusiast will drool over this book. It will set the bar for generations of backcountry ski and mountaineering guidebooks to come.

The steep and inviting mountains of the Eastern Sierra are without a doubt among the best zones for glisse alpinism in North America. And now there is a guidebook worthy of this impressive range. The authors have extensive first-hand knowledge of the best routes and have combined it with amazing photography and detailed maps to create a must-have guide for skiers and boarders everywhere. This guide will ride shotgun with me for many seasons to come! --Chris Davenport, *Ski Alpinist*. It is the latter form that Dan Mingori and Nate Greenberg took with *Backcountry Skiing California's Eastern Sierra*, their new guide for some of the best and till now least documented ski mountaineering in North America. I'd call this a no frills guidebook, except with so much color photography and beautiful map work that would be a misnomer. No bull would be a better phrase. Opening Mingori and Greenberg's book is like taking a shotgun blast of snow to your face. After just a few dozen pages of intro material and obligatory advertising (no doubt to support the expense of using so much color printing), the route descriptions just go on, and on, and on. Incredibly crisp photos of nearly every line speak to the photographer's skills and Woverine Publishing's expertise in modern color pre-press work. Each route has a data block, important access info, slope angle, and even a rating system. --Lou Dawson, Wildsnow.com