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Review

"Brendan Leonard's writing resonates with the luminous, hard-rock clarity and the elusive sense of grace that can only be encountered at the sharp end of one's rope. A deeply honest, courageously wrought, searingly original testament to the austere rewards of climbing, the transcendent power of wild spaces, and the redemptive radiance of the American West." --Kevin Fedarko, author of *The Emerald Mile: The Epic Story of the Fastest Ride in History Through the Heart of the Grand Canyon*

"Nothing is off limits for Leonard in this shocking memoir about recovery from addiction and redemption in the mountains." --Grayson Schaffer, senior editor, *Outside*

"Brendan Leonard has earned his sensitivity to the human condition the hard way: by tearing himself apart until the pain could no longer be ignored. Brendan's online satirical pieces have always been a surefire laugh for me, but *Sixty Meters to Anywhere* reveals the darker path from where those quips and jabs emanate. Brendan's voice is at once crass, funny, heart-wrenching, and life-affirming. The heavy irony of Brendan's journey from the gutter to the mountaintop is that his personal perception of the pitfalls of being human, and the possibility of redemption, would make him just the type of bartender that the lonely and lost sometimes need in the long night before the dawn." --Chris Kalous, *The Enormocast*

"*Sixty Meters to Anywhere* takes us on a transformative personal journey, showing the power of climbing and the courage that lies within. Brendan writes with his usual blend of purpose, love and honesty, which reflect the person he's become and the life that he lives."

--Kelly Cordes, author of *The Tower: A Chronicle of Climbing and Controversy on Cerro Torre*

"Brendan Leonard's prose has the clarity of crisp granite ridges and flashes of light on summer snow, of moonlight sifting through pine branches and footfalls on silent trails--of all those times when, near the top of a mountain as the air spreads out and the world expands below, you feel as though the simple, yet mysterious act of ascent could actually change your life."

--Katie Ives, Editor-in-Chief, *Alpinist*

"Since climbing's earliest days, non-climbers have asked 'Why?' In *Sixty Meters to Anywhere*, Brendan Leonard gives the best answer I've ever heard."

--Shannon Davis, former editor, *Climbing magazine*

"Honest as a trad lead, committed as a free solo, this is the story of how a rope becomes life's gift of redemption--and inspiration."

--Steve Casimiro, founder, *Adventure Journal*

"Don't read this book unless you enjoy laughing, adventure, honesty, humility, and excellent storytelling"--Peter Brown, author of *Graphic the Valley* and *The End of Boys*

About the Author

Brendan Leonard's writing has appeared in *Alpinist*, *Climbing*, *Outside*, *Men's Journal*, *High Country News*, *Adventure Cyclist*, *National Geographic Adventure*, and dozens of other publications. He is a contributing editor at *Climbing*, *Adventure Journal*, and the podcast *The Dirtbag Diaries*. He divides his time between Denver and a roaming 2005 Chevy Astrovan. You can find him at semi-rad.com.

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