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## Life on a Forbidding Mountain Makes for Page Turning Account of Survival and Renewal

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON— Being a climbing ranger on Mount Rainier proved to be a life-altering experience for Bree Loewen. In her new book *Pickets and Dead Men: Seasons on Rainier*, she delves into the merciless -day-to-day lifestyle of a climbing ranger on one of the most perilous mountains in the country. As one of only a handful of women on staff, Loewen fought to prove herself to her superiors, both physically and mentally, while confronting the often unrealistic expectations of the public on a mountain with little mercy.

With honesty, self-deprecation, and wry humor, Bree reflects on her experiences assisting injured climbers, rescuing lost children, battling inscrutable bureaucracy, lugging heavy equipment, and trying to make sense of it all. Whether it's her account of a solo climb that nearly took her life, or clinging to meadow flowers while shimmying up the side of a waterfall to rescue a kid that fell over the top, Loewen's tale of her work on the mountain makes a desk job look like child's play.

*Bree Loewen* has been a climbing ranger on Mount Rainier, an EMT in Seattle and has written for *Climbing Magazine*. Through a series of adventures and misadventures she has climbed in Alaska, Canada, Mexico, and various South American countries, as well as all over the western U.S. She lives with her husband and daughter in Carnation, Washington.

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