

The High Sierra

Kim Stanley Robinson

Read by the author

AN INTIMATE, PANORAMIC JOURNEY THROUGH THE SIERRA
NEVADA THE BEST HIKING MOUNTAINS ON EARTH, ACCORDING
TO BESTSELLING NOVELIST KIM STANLEY ROBINSON

Kim Stanley Robinson first ventured into the Sierra Nevada mountains during the summer of 1973. He returned from that encounter a changed man, awed by a landscape that made him feel as if he were simultaneously strolling through an art museum and scrambling on a jungle gym like an energized child. He has gone back to the mountains again and again over the course of his life—more than a hundred trips—and has gathered a vast store of knowledge about this extraordinary range in the process. *The High Sierra* is his celebration of this exceptional place, a treat for those who know it and a guide for those who don't—an exploration of what makes this span of mountains one of the most compelling places on Earth.

Robinson tells the story of the Sierras through many aspects. He describes the geological forces that shaped it, and the history of its exploration, going back to the indigenous peoples who made it home and whose traces can still be found today. He celebrates the people whose ideas and actions protected the High Sierra for future generations. He describes uniquely beautiful hikes and the trails to be avoided. Robinson weaves his own experiences through the audiobook, including life-altering events, defining relationships, and unforgettable adventures. He speaks again and again to timeless questions about human communion with the wild and with the sublime—deflatingly illustrating the personal growth that seems only to come from time spent outdoors.

The High Sierra is a gorgeous, absorbing immersion in a place, born out of a desire to understand and share one of the greatest rapture-inducing experiences our planet can offer. Packed with gear advice, and much more, it is an astounding guide that will tempt veteran hikers and casual walkers alike to lace up their boots for their next adventure.

KIM STANLEY ROBINSON is a *New York Times* bestseller and winner of the Hugo, Nebula, and Locus awards. He is the author of more than twenty books, including the bestselling Mars trilogy and the critically acclaimed *Forty Signs of Rain*, *The Years of Rice and Salt*, and *2312*. In 2008, he was named a "Hero of the Environment" by *Time* magazine, and he works with the Sierra Nevada Research Institute. He lives in Davis, California.

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