



Legendary Maps From The Himalayan Club

Commemorating 90 Years of the Iconic Institution

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- Portrays a history of 90 years of Himalayan climbing and exploration, using the best possible sketch maps from the *Himalayan Journal*
- The Himalaya Club celebrates its 90th year in 2018, with over 420,000 members worldwide
- An important reference on the history of climbing in this range, with diary entries, historical photographs, and hand-drawn maps drawn from each expedition

The last 90 years have been a glorious period in Himalayan exploration. As elite climbers from across the globe have attempted to discover the Himalaya, the Himalayan Club, founded in 1928, has played a pioneering role in chronicling their expeditions for posterity. Maps of these expeditions, preserved by the Himalayan Journal, comprise a historical treasure. Legendary explorations like Shipton and Tilman's route into Nanda Devi Sanctuary, Maurice Herzog's Annapurna ascent the first to scale a peak over 26,300 feet and Sir Chris Bonington's exploration of routes to Menlungtse continue to arouse fascination. More recently, Harish Kapadia completed a century-old quest to track the route of the Brahmaputra River; Group Capt. V. K. Sashindran has explored the unknown Kunzang Valley; and A.V. Saunders attempted the ascent of Panch Chuli, ending in one of the most dramatic mountain rescues ever to succeed at such altitudes. All are included in this volume. With some of the routes and climbs documented here yet to be repeated, these important maps are accompanied by texts from the adventurers who drew them. Taken together, they are a tribute to the rich history of modern engagement with the world's most challenging mountain range. Contents: Kashmir – East Karakoram; Karakoram; Himachal Pradesh; Uttarakhand; Nepal – Tibet; Sikkim – Arunachal Pradesh – Bhutan.

Mountaineer and explorer **Harish Kapadia** has made a unique contribution to our knowledge of the Himalaya: as editor of the *Himalayan Journal*; through his numerous books; and as a leader and organiser of countless expeditions over a 50-year career. Harish has climbed more than 30 Himalayan peaks and has led 150 exploratory expeditions across Himalayan passes. He has been recognised by numerous international organisations and is the recipient of many awards.