



# Wanderings Through the Garhwal Himalaya

Ganesh Saili

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- With more than 50 years of research as his base, avid traveler and photographer Ganesh Saili offers a delightful collection of introspective essays as a response to the elusive call of the mountains
- The book provides valuable insights into the historical and cultural nuances of the Garhwal Himalaya and its people
- The author takes the reader on an idyllic walk through the mountains, unraveling, in its course, the many hues of mountain life

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Ganesh Saili was born in Mussoorie, Uttarakhand. Growing up in the hills of Garhwal, from an impressionable age, he has trekked the high mountains recording in words and pictures the magic of his beloved mountains. Numerous periodicals, columns, journals and several books translated into over two-dozen languages are a living testimony of this love for the sheer swiftness of the wind, and the magic air from his perch in the Himalaya. In this book, he takes the reader, ever so gently by the hand, through the hills in search of the footsteps of those wanderers who, down the centuries, have walked this narrow path and left their hearts behind forever. With more than fifty years of research as his base, this quintessential free bird, weaves a mesmerizing tapestry in images. What emerges from these pages is a voice of the Garhwal Himalaya.