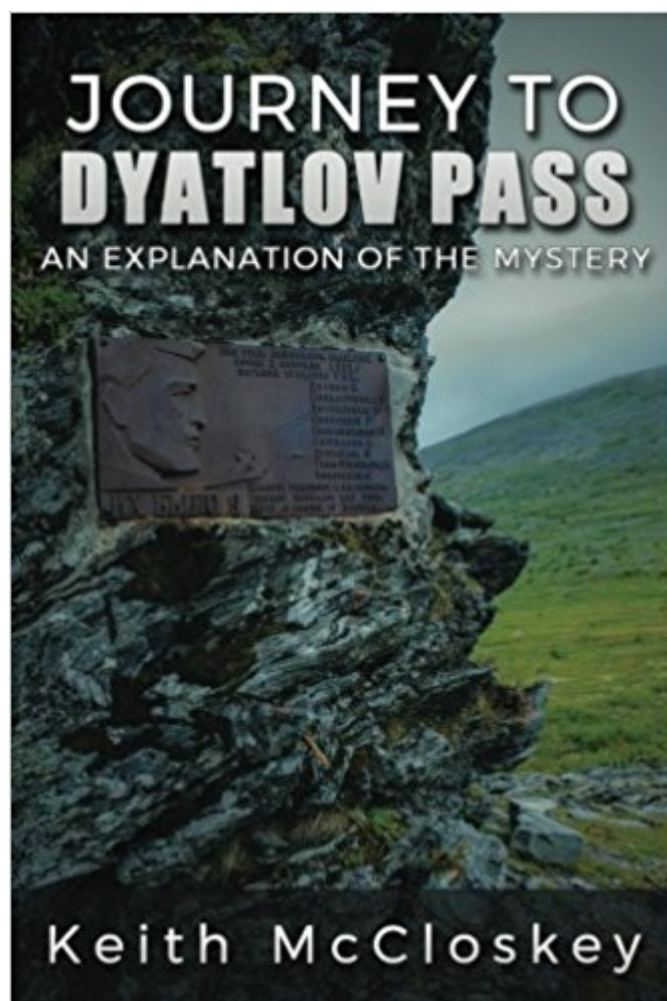


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Journey To Dyatlov Pass: An Explanation Of The Mystery



Synopsis

This book describes the author's journey to the Dyatlov Pass in the northern Ural Mountains in the company of Russian "Obsessives". It is also a book for people who already know the Dyatlov story. The physical locations relating to the Dyatlov Incident are examined and discussed as well as competing theories from some of the group members about what happened. The second part of the book takes a critical look at the autopsies. This is followed by an intensive look at some ground-breaking research on the Dyatlov negatives by Valentin Gerasimovich Yakimenko. The final part of the book discusses the statements made by the two senior figures in the investigation and finishes with a scenario as to what may have happened on that fateful night of 1/2 February 1959.

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I was born in Dublin and grew up in Africa. My main interests are aviation history, travel and real life mysteries. I have a particular interest in the Dyatlov Incident and have extensively researched the subject and also travelled to the Dyatlov Pass. I have also acted as consultant to TV programmes on the Dyatlov Incident and been interviewed on radio.

I became familiar with the Dyatlov Tragedy several years ago and read several books about it including this author's first book on the subject, Mountain of the Dead, the Dyatlov Pass Incident. Mountain of the Dead: The Dyatlov Pass Incident When Journey to Dyatlov Pass: An Explanation of the Mystery arrived, I read it in two sittings. In my opinion, the author does an

excellent job of bringing this perplexing tragedy to the English-speaking audience. In his first book, he presented the majority of the popular theories to the incident at the time and now follows that up with his 2nd book. His 2nd book also provides the reader with a personal, ride-along as the author travels to the scene of the incident and gives us a glimpse of Russia and how difficult it is to get to the site 55-years later. While this tragedy took place over half a century ago, he is mindful that family members and friends of the victims are alive and they deserve respect. I enjoy the author's casual and informative writing style. I've also read the author's book, *The Lighthouse: The Mystery of the Eilean Mor Lighthouse Keepers* — *The Lighthouse: The Mystery of the Eilean Mor Lighthouse Keepers* — again, he does a great job with his research and treatment of the story. The author is respectful of everyone's theories of these incidents and doesn't make judgements. He presents each theory and material and lets the reader choose. After finishing *Journey to Dyatlov Pass*, I decided to order another of his books which should arrive soon. While this book was written for those familiar with the incident, a few minutes of online reading will quickly bring you up to speed. I would suggest ordering both of his books for a comprehensive view of the incident. Maybe you can solve the mystery! This book provided me with a theory that I happen to subscribe to and I think it, or a variation of it is the answer. The author managed to obtain interviews translated into English that I've never read before. It's an excellent read and well worth the shelf space to those interested in this riveting story.

Without giving any spoilers away I will assure the reader that after finishing this book, he will be fairly convinced that we now have an answer to this most intriguing mystery. As with previous books McCloskey handles the case like a modern objective Sherlock Holmes. To say the evidence he amassed is overwhelming would be an understatement. Like most fans of this mystery I would always be skeptical but it's hard if not impossible to dispute the explanation the author deduced. Apart from that, it is a fun read and one I look forward to reading again. Along the way to the conclusion of the mystery, is a great adventure, the author's journey to the location the hikers died. A journey that is put in huge jeopardy by an incident that happens to McCloskey that is not only a bit on the scary side, but ripe with humor with those he encounters in his quest. It's always difficult to review a book without giving away too much, but it is not often I literally couldn't put a book down, this is one of those times. If you love a mystery, a little adventure, humor and a satisfying solution this book is for you. One thing, if you are not familiar with this mystery, you should read his first book before this, as this is the sequel, and solution to that most baffling and terrifying event.

This was my second book on this subject, the first being Dead Mountain. I haven't read Mr. McCloskey's first book about Dyatlov Pass and in fact I didn't even know there was a first book until after I'd bought this one. I found this book to be entertaining and a very enjoyable read. To get some perspective on the area that the event occurred in, what the terrain is like, what it's like to actually be there and walk the ground, you won't go wrong there. One problem I had with the book as it pertains to the subject matter was also one of the reasons I enjoyed reading it; a good portion of the book is more of a travelogue about the authors trip to the area, the people he met, and the experience he had. And while I did find that interesting, it didn't do much to further my quest for knowledge about the incident itself. I thought the author could have spent more time examining the subject at hand and less time describing his travels and travails during his trip. I found the author's theories about what occurred to be interesting but I'm not sure they're all that plausible. I did think they were more plausible than those presented in Dead Mountain however. All in all this is a pretty good book. Mr. McCloskey writes like he's telling you a story around a campfire or a kitchen table which is enjoyable and by the end of the book makes you feel like you almost know him. That's not a terrible thing, and his description of the pass itself and what it's like to be there helps the reader put together a mental image of the area that everyone is talking about. That's not a bad thing either. This is a pleasantly written and fun to read book. If you're interested in the story this isn't the worst book you could buy. It also takes for granted that the reader is already familiar with the Dyatlov Pass story however, so keep that in mind if your thinking about reading it.

A very enjoyable read. Mr. McCloskey has an informal writing style that makes the journey back to Dyatlov Pass both fun and adventurous. And great news! The answer to the mystery actually lies within the pages of this book! But be aware the real answer is not the one the author provides at the end. There is a discouraging pattern among Dyatlov Pass books to present all the known facts about the incident and then offer up a conclusion that does not fit all of those facts. That is also the case here. However, if you read carefully and keep a truly open mind, you can piece together the real solution to the Dyatlov puzzle by using the intriguing new information the author provides. In this respect, the book is a major step forward to solving this mysterious event and is highly recommended.

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