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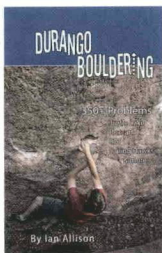
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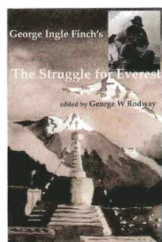
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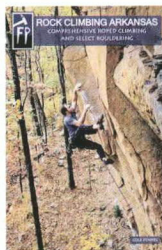
The Secret's Out

The first-ever guidebook to Colorado's best-kept secret, **DURANGO BOULDERING** (\$25, pineneedle.com), details more than 350 V0-to-V13s at five superb areas, including Sailing Hawks—aka The Secret Spot—and the recently discovered 071 Boulders. Southwest Adventures guide Ian Allison spent four years searching, sending, and documenting. He also interviewed the developers, and then probed the community about ratings, access, sit-starts, etc. "It's the land that Sherman forgot," says Allison. "We have some of, if not the best, bouldering in the state." The 140-page, color-photo book color-codes problems by their difficulty and also highlights the must-dos. —*Brandon Mathis*



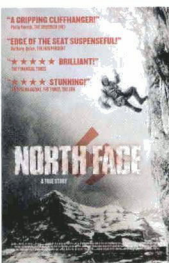
Joyous Struggle

Finally, an English translation of George Ingle Finch's delightful **THE STRUGGLE FOR EVEREST** (\$44.95, topworldbooks.com). First published in 1925 and available solely in German till now, this is the only book by an Everest team member devoted to the British expeditions of the 1920s. An eminent chemist and leading alpinist, Finch, with Geoffrey Bruce, reached 27,250 feet on Everest in 1922. Finch was an avid proponent of supplementary oxygen, arguing it was no more an artificial aid than ice axes or warm clothing—he designed the first oxygen apparatus used on Everest. Although politics excluded him from the 1921 and 1924 British expeditions, Finch's account of his Everest romp exudes a truly joyous enthusiasm. —*Fred Bryant*



Project Orange

Go to Arkansas: the sandstone is steep, bullet, uncrowded, and kaleidoscopic, ridge after ridge fading into the Ozark horizon. The Arkansas native Cole Fennel brings us his 400-page **ROCK CLIMBING ARKANSAS** (\$37.95, fixedpin.com), cataloging 14 zones, including sport/bloc staples like Horseshoe Canyon Ranch, the trad mecca Sam's Throne, and venerable Mount Magazine. An 18-month project during which Fennel parked cars to make money, the full-color, photo-topo tome is sublimely crafted. Features: solid racking info; Fixed Pin's helpful page-top crag-overview illus; intuitive route-type color coding; and a mega-dose of action shots. —*Matt Samet*



Race for the Nordwand

Move over CGI-heavy, testosterone action flicks. Enter the **NORTH FACE** (musicboxfilms.com, debuting February in theaters nationwide; DVD to follow). Set in 1936, this riveting recreation depicts the two Germans—Toni Kurz and Andreas Hinterstoisser—who confronted "the last problem of the Alps": the Eiger's North Face. Chased up the wall and then joined by an Austrian team, the men battle avalanches and frostbite (plus, the Nazi-era propaganda machine embroiling them) as nature swoops down, famously ending *all* their lives after they pass the point of no return—the Hinterstoisser Traverse. Director Philipp Stöelzl grippingly and accurately captures the mayhem, daring, and fight for survival. —*Amanda Fox*