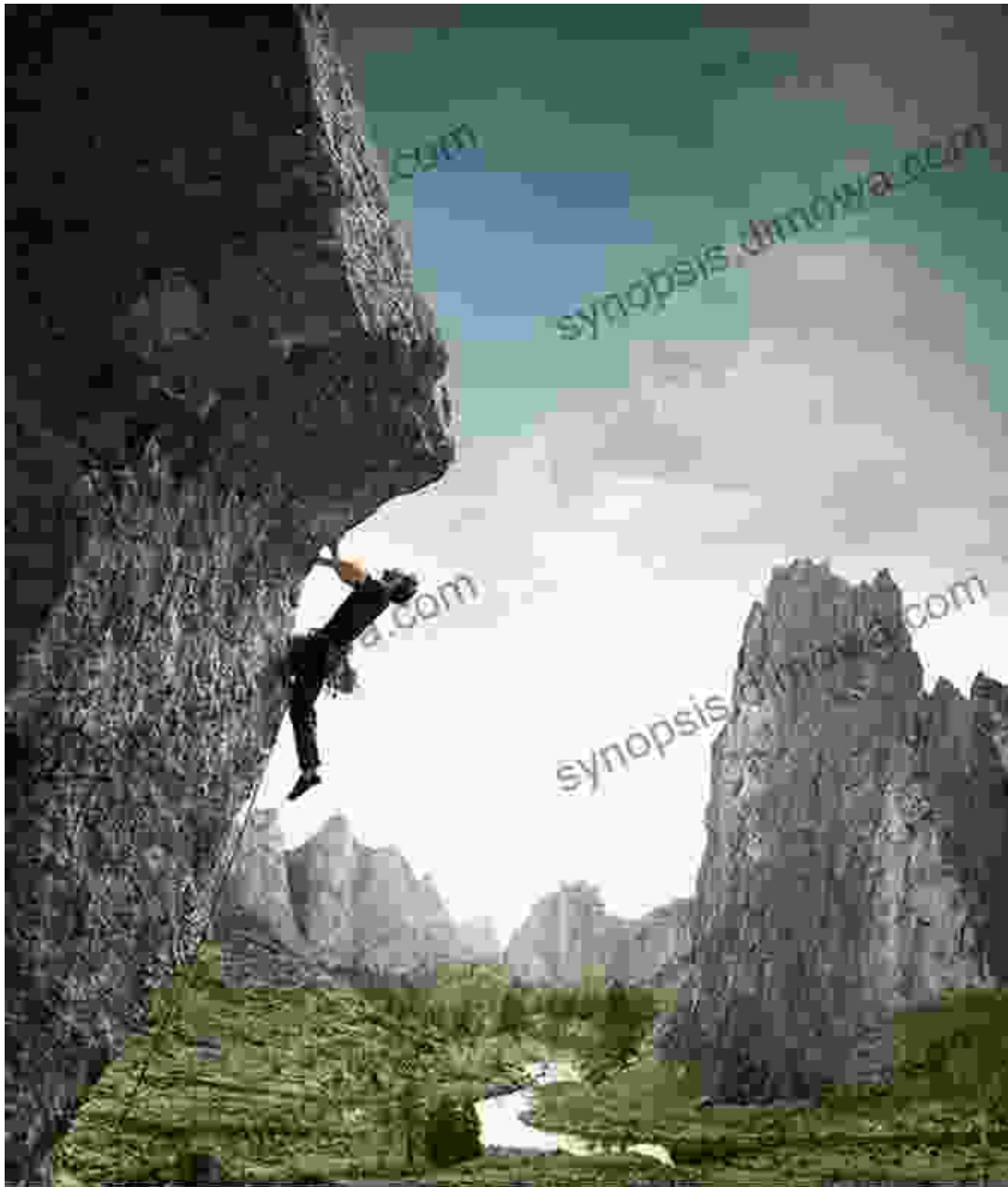


# Switchback: Fifty Years in Glacier, the West

A Memoir by Joe Josephson



*Switchback* is a memoir by Joe Josephson, a mountaineer, environmentalist, and Glacier National Park ranger who has spent over 50 years exploring and protecting the American West. The book is a rich and

personal account of Josephson's life and work, and it offers a unique perspective on the history of Glacier National Park and the environmental challenges facing the West today.



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Josephson begins his story with his childhood in the mountains of Montana. He describes his early experiences with climbing and hiking, and how they instilled in him a deep love of the natural world. After graduating from college, Josephson became a ranger in Glacier National Park. He spent the next several years patrolling the park's backcountry, climbing its mountains, and learning from the park's naturalists and scientists.

In the 1970s, Josephson became increasingly involved in environmental work. He helped to establish the Glacier National Park Fund, a nonprofit organization that supports the park's educational and scientific programs. He also worked to protect the park from threats such as mining, logging, and air pollution.

In the 1980s and 1990s, Josephson continued to work as a ranger and an environmentalist. He also began to write about his experiences in Glacier

National Park. His essays and articles appeared in publications such as *National Geographic*, *Outside*, and the *New York Times*.

In 2000, Josephson retired from the National Park Service. He continues to live in Montana, where he writes, climbs, and works to protect the environment.

*Switchback* is a beautifully written and deeply personal memoir. Josephson's love of the natural world shines through on every page, and his stories of adventure and conservation will inspire readers of all ages. The book is also a valuable historical document, as it provides a unique perspective on the history of Glacier National Park and the environmental challenges facing the West today.

*Switchback* is a must-read for anyone who loves Glacier National Park, the American West, or the outdoors. It is a story of adventure, conservation, and personal growth that will stay with readers long after they finish the last page.



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