



Devil in the Mountain: A Search for the Origin of the Andes (Paperback)

By Simon Lamb

Princeton University Press, United States, 2006. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. How do high mountain ranges form on the face of the Earth? This question has intrigued some of the greatest philosophers and scientists, going back as far as the ancient Greeks. Devil in the Mountain is the story of one scientist, author Simon Lamb, and his quest for the key to this great geological mystery. Lamb and a small team of geologists have spent much of the last decade exploring the rugged Bolivian Andes, the second highest mountain range on Earth—a region rocked by earthquakes and violent volcanic eruptions. The author s account is both travelogue and detective story, describing how he and his colleagues have pursued a trail of clues in the mountains, hidden beneath the rocky landscape. Here, the local silver miners strive to appease the spirit they call Tio—the devil in the mountain. Traveling through Bolivia s back roads, the team has to cope with the extremes of the environment, and survive in a country on the verge of civil war. But the backdrop to all these adventures is the bigger story of the Earth and how geologists have gone about uncovering...



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