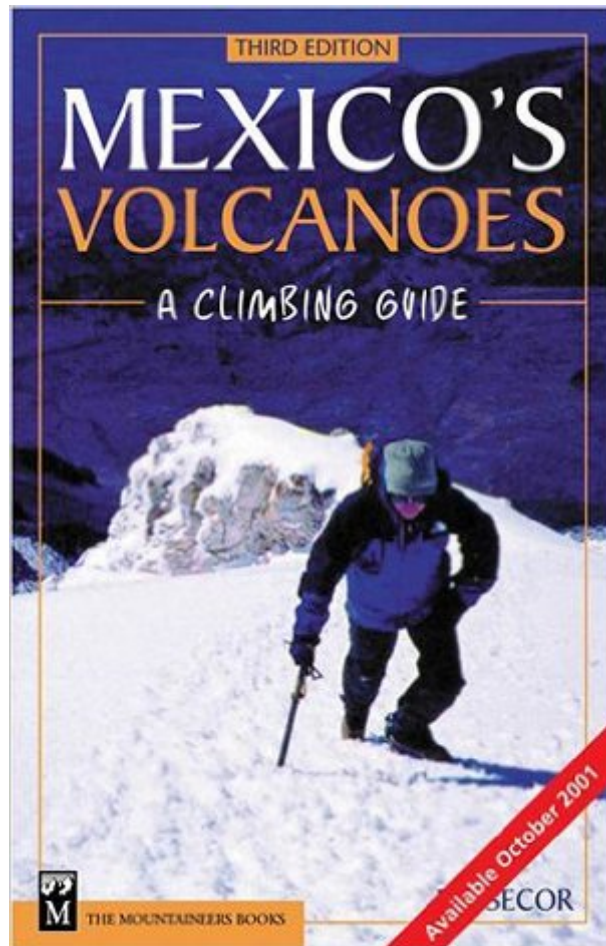


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# Mexico's Volcanoes: A Climbing Guide



## Synopsis

-- Updates changing climbing conditions due to volcanic activity Now in its third edition, Mexico's Volcanoes covers the third, fifth, and seventh highest mountains in North America -- El Pico de Orizaba, Popocatepetl, and Iztaccihuatl -- and two lesser-known peaks, La Malinche and Nevado de Toluca. This updated guide provides directions to all of the newly constructed roads to approaches and climbing routes, and information on routes that have been closed because of volcanic activity.

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The book has a comprehensive list of routes for each mountain, it also provides good advice for beginners. However, there are two things I don't like from this book: 1) Need an update to reflect latest changes (Popo for example) 2) The book looks too simplistic, the format is ver bad for the type of information. The book has very few quality photos and the routes are difficult to follow. I wish I could find a more up-to-date book about these beautiful mountains

I spent last winter in Mexico and used Secor's book to climb the volcanoes in the country. It has been a helpful guide and in the main is full of accurate detail as far as in country information is concerned but it does need updating in certain areas. The details for climbing La Malinche and Nevado Toluca for example are quite poor and have hardly no descriptive value at all. Both volcanoes are actually very beautiful hikes and both contain a number of routes that are not mentioned in the book. The route details in the book therefore do not do justice to these volcanoes. Scrambling over Nevado Toluca for example is a joy and the 'Complete rim traverse' (not mentioned

in the book) rivals any horseshoe scramble South of Scotland in the UK. Overall however it is a good guide book and the route details for the other peaks in Mexico are good. I hope this book does get updated however as there is a need for such a guide as Mexico's volcanoes are superb to climb and are a great introduction to those who want to progress to the higher peaks of the Andes.

Excellent book. Very detailed. Lots of useful information in addition to climbing routes. The only drawback is that it is 14 years old. None-the-less, I found it very helpful. Could not find any other guidebooks for Mexico volcanoes. Added several weeks after the above post: Just returned from climbing Izta and Orizaba. The guidebook was helpful in a general way, but we got better information on conditions from mountaineering staff at Ruben's sporting goods in Mexico City, and ended up hiring guides, which proved to be a good move for us. One beef with this book - it portrays Mexico City as being somewhat inhospitable to visitors. I traveled the metro many times and never encountered the pick pockets noted in the book. Yes, the metro was sometimes crowded, but no worse than the NYC subway during rush hour. He also warns about the taxi ripoff, but we found the "on the street" metered taxis to be fair and safe, and often a less expensive choice than the unmetered taxi arranged by the hostel. I would add that a working knowledge of Spanish is essential to facilitate the climbing - there are few English speakers around!

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