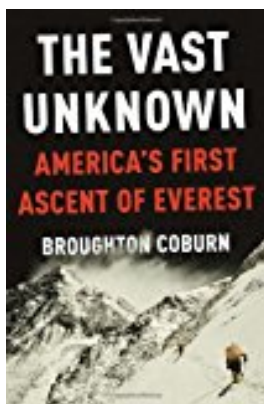


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From Although it had been summited several times already, Mount Everest was still virgin territory to American climbers in 1963. But it was more than a mountain that must be conquered. It was a symbol. At the time, JFK had announced his dedication to winning the space race, but the Russians were in the lead. Seeing a way to give Americans a shot of confidence, a group of mountaineers vowed to get to the top of Everest. This gripping account follows the climbers on their mission. In many ways, it's a typical climbing book (danger, bravery, excitement, triumph), but it's Coburn's perspective that makes it unusual. Likening a mountain-climbing expedition to a space mission is clever and apt, Everest being completely unknown, nearly as daunting and potentially deadly as outer space. (Coburn notes that, while one of the climbers was writing in his diary from 25,000 feet up the mountain, astronaut Gordon Cooper, in his first flight into space, was passing a mere 100 miles overhead.) Not just another book about mountain climbing, this is also a story of America in the early 1960s. --David Pitt

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