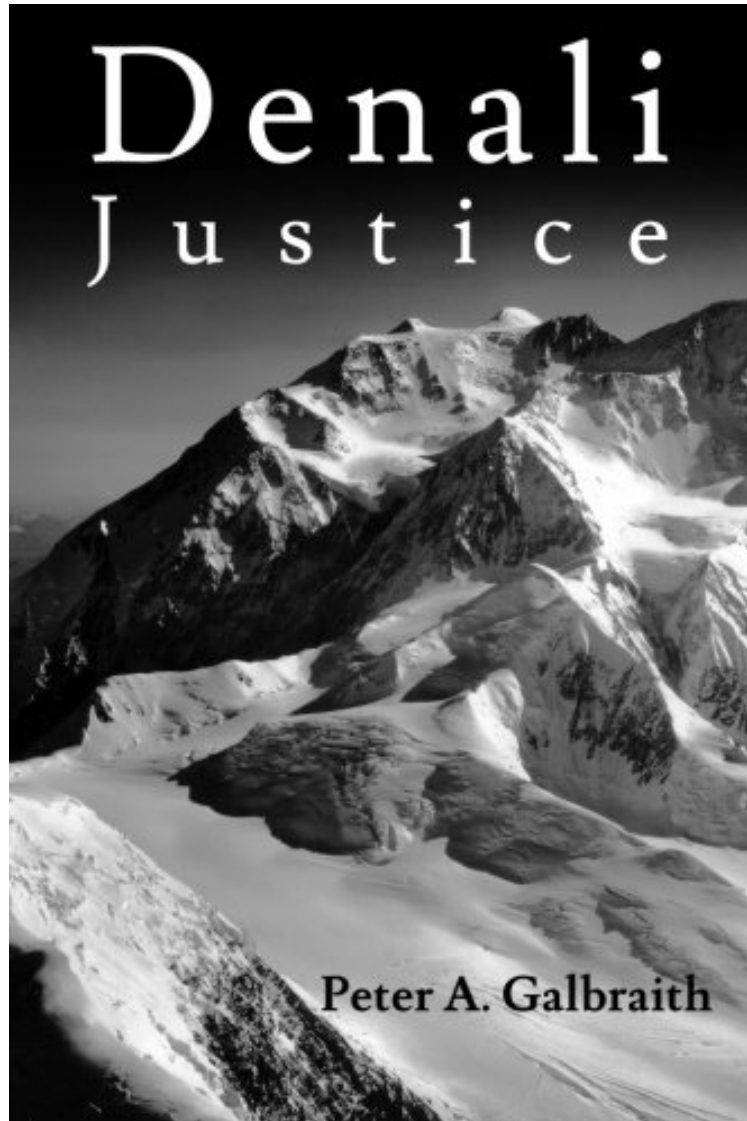


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Peter A Galbraith : Denali Justice before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Denali Justice:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent bookBy My reviewI found this book to be completely riveting. Mr. Galbraith's writing style is clear, concise, and extremely visual. I was pulled into the story from the very first page of the book. Because of Mr. Galbraiths descriptive writing, you can actually visualize the aftereffects of Mr. Clousers ordeal as he struggled to walk to the front of the courtroom and then raise his right hand swearing to tell the

truth. Mr. Galbraith described both actions in such a way that it unmistakably identifies the amputations of Mr. Clouers frostbitten feet and hand. I also like the flow of the book, moving from Day 1 of the trial to Day n. I have read many other books in which the author jumps around so much that I become totally confused. I'm glad that Mr. Galbraith chose a more straightforward, less convoluted format. The chapter length was also acceptable to me, as I become worn down by chapters that are too long and restless with chapters that are too short. There are three main characters in this book, and each one is clearly described and memorable. Mr. Clouser is certainly the hero of Denali Justice. He accepted his fate with calm composure, both during the ordeal and afterwards. As the presiding trial judge, Andrew Kleinfeld, stated in his oral decision, I am impressed with the mental stability of Mr. Clouser. I believe many individuals would not have retained their sanity or their ability to function as human beings after living through this. U.S. District Court Judge Andrew J. Kleinfeld is another main character in the book. Judge Kleinfeld was both thorough and fair throughout the trial, asking pertinent questions and making sound judgments. He is described so distinctly in the book that you can actually visualize his presence on the bench. The third main character in the book is the author and trial attorney himself, Mr. Galbraith. I know that attorneys are oftentimes thought of in negative terms, but I do believe that Mr. Galbraith is an exception to that general perception. From reading his book, he seems to be an attorney who believes in fairness and, as the title of the book clearly states, justice for his clients. It appears that Mr. Galbraith would take on a case such as this because it was the right thing to do, not because it could benefit him financially. That personality trait is to be admired in anyone, but is especially admirable in a person who works in the legal profession in which financial gain often wins out. My 90 year old mother also read Denali Justice based on my recommendation. She enjoyed the book immensely and assessed it as positively as I did. It is an excellent book that should be read.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. TV DRAMA COULD BE MADE FROM THIS.....

By Christopher Chapman I can only applaud Peter Galbraith for writing a compelling legal narrative. Every stroke of the pen captures his intensity, courage and determination as he systematically used the power of law to force an unveiling of arrogance and irresponsibility of multiple government agencies involved in the search and rescue operation of an ill fated airplane crash on Mt. McKinley in December, 1981. He utilized justice and ethics to bring search and rescue issues into the arena of human-human responsibility and accountability for the moral code of the sanctity of life. Galbraith forced a deep analysis of factors and codes within agencies that provided search and rescue operations. Denali Justice is a tribute to those who survived the crash, and to those who died under callous circumstances. They believed that the ethics of search and rescue might allow them to survive. They did not expect callous disregard for their integrity in the brotherhood of man. The book is well written, and at times, difficult to put down. There is a quiet thrill that comes from sensing the challenge and emotion within an Alaskan courtroom.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. "Denali Justice" was a fascinating true story of one man's struggles with life. A plane crash that changed everything for him.

By molly hayes I loved this book. Mr. Galbraith gave great details in writing this true story. I remember hearing about the plane crash, but did not have any idea the struggles the men had to face. I was very impressed with the memory of Mike Clouser, a survivor. He was able to remember and describe the smallest detail of the days before the rescue and what was to follow. This book is a must read for anyone that loves the beauty of mountains of Alaska, and most of all, how one man continues to fight for the justice he deserves. The mountains are beautiful, but are dangerous to mankind. I have known Mike Clouser for over fifty years, but I lost contact with him. This book has given me great insight into where Mike has been and the life struggles he has experienced. "Denali Justice", was very fascinating to read. The true story of a plane crash on Mt. McKinley, events of the days before a rescue, medical struggles after the rescue, years of waiting, huge lawsuit, details of the trial, and Mike's ability to continue to survive. This book is a must read!!!

In mid-December, 1981, a small air taxi crashed at 10,300 on the slopes of Mt. McKinley in Denali National Park, Alaska. All four people aboard survived the crash and the wreckage was quickly located. The weather was good the next morning but no rescuers landed nearby and no emergency supplies were airdropped. After four days and nights, a volunteer civilian climbing team reached the wreckage and U.S. Army Chinooks airlifted survivors off the mountain. Two years later, a lawyer in sole practice in Alaska filed a civil suit arising from the Mt. McKinley rescue against the Army, Air Force, Federal Aviation Administration, and National Park Service. This true story of the crash, the ordeal on the mountain, and volunteer and government rescue efforts unfolds through eyewitness testimony at trial. Denali Justice shows why this tragic episode in Alaskas aviation history is so important. The book is an important read both for its legal drama and the intricate manner in which the trial investigated this rescue operation from a review in April 2015 in the Alaska Dispatch News, the largest newspaper in Alaska. <http://www.adn.com/article/20150408/denali-justice-examines-legal-fallout-botched-1981-mount-mckinley-rescue>.

About the Author Peter A. Galbraith is a retired trial lawyer who lived in Anchorage, Alaska for 24 years. This is his first book.