

Erika Fatland

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High: A Journey Across the Himalaya, Through Pakistan, India, Bhutan, Nepal, and China

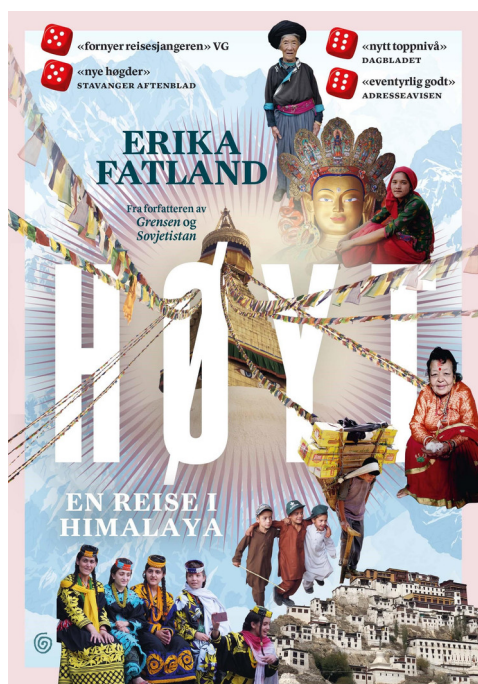
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An ambitious and magnificent new travelogue by bestselling and prize-winning author Erika Fatland (*The Border* and *Sovjetistan*), on a journey along the Himalaya.

The Himalaya weave through five very different countries, where the world religions of Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism are mixed with ancient shamanic religions. Countless languages and vastly different cultures live in the secluded mountain valleys. Modernity and tradition collide, while the great powers fight for influence.

We have read about mountain climbers on their way up Mount Everest and about travellers on the spiritual quest for Buddhist monasteries. But how much do we know about the people living in the Himalaya? Fatland invites us into close encounters with the many peoples of the region, and at the same time takes us on a dizzying journey at altitude through incredible landscapes and dramatic, unknown world histories - all the way to the most volatile human conflicts of our times.



'[Fatland] is a superb reporter, with an engaging personality and boundless curiosity. (...) By now, I hope it's obvious that both John Keay's 'Himalaya' and Erika Fatland's 'High' are ideal books for armchair travelers, packed with information and entertaining anecdotes. You will learn a lot from them.'

Washington Post

Erika Fatland studied Social Anthropology at the University of Oslo. Her 2011 book, *The Village of Angels*, was an in situ report on the Beslan terror attacks of 2004 and she is also the author of *The Year Without Summer*, describing the harrowing year that followed the massacre on Utøya in 2011. For *Sovjetistan* (2019) she was shortlisted for the Edward Stanford/Lonely Planet Debut Travel Writer of the Year, and *The Border* (2020) was shortlisted for the Stanfords Dolman Travel Book of the Year 2020. Fatland speaks eight languages and lives in Oslo with her husband.

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