

3,000 CUPS OF TEA

A film by Jennifer Jordan & Jeff Rhoads

Contact:

Sharon Spaulding / Outside the Box Communications

Sharon@outsidethebox.us.com / 801-918-9995 or

Gigi Thorsen Gigi@outsidethebox.us.com / 801-232-6647

3,000 Cups of Tea: The Mission and The Madness of Greg Mortenson

Team Bios

Director, Producer, Writer

Jennifer Jordan is an award-winning author, filmmaker, and screenwriter, with many years experience as a journalist, broadcast producer, radio and television news anchor, voice-over/narration talent and motivational speaker.

She is currently directing, writing, and producing *3,000 Cups of Tea: The Mission and the Madness of Greg Mortenson*, a documentary following the meteoric rise and devastating fall of Mortenson. While it addresses the accusations leveled against him and his Central Asia Institute, the film focuses on Mortenson's mission to build schools and educate girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan, a mission which was mortally, but not fatally, wounded by the scandal.

Jordan's second book, [*The Last Man on the Mountain: The Death of an American Adventurer on K2*](#), was released by W. W. Norton in 2010. It tells the story of Dudley Wolfe, the first man to die on K2 during the ill-fated 1939 expedition, whose remains Jordan found on the glacier below K2 base camp sixty-three years after his death. It won a 2010 National Outdoor Book Award for History/Biography and soon after publication, was listed as a Best Seller in Sports books in the Wall Street Journal. She is currently negotiating an option on her screenplay of the remarkable story.

In 2005 she wrote [*Savage Summit: The Life and Death of the First Women of K2*](#) (William Morrow, 2005), which won the 2005 National Outdoor Book Award for Best Mountain Literature and was selected as an Editors' Choice by the New York Times. She also created, wrote, and co-produced the documentary [*Women of K2*](#) for *National Geographic*, which was an official entry in scores of major film festivals, winning five.

Director of Photography, Co-Producer

Jeff Rhoads is an award-winning filmmaker, record-holding mountaineer, and extreme adventurer, whose work has taken him from the summit of Mount Everest, through the rivers of Costa Rica, to the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine in New York City, and the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. He has worked on such diverse films and programs as *Batman Forever*, numerous *Eco-Challenge Adventure Races*, several reality television series including *Survivor*, and, the documentary *A Footprint on Everest*.

In 2002 he traveled to Pakistan to direct, produce, and film at high altitude [Women of K2](#) for National Geographic Channel. An official entry in over seventeen international film festivals, the film went on to win five major awards, including the Best Film on Mountaineering at the 2004 Vancouver International Film Festival and the Jury Award at the 2005 Torello International Film Festival in Spain.

In addition to National Geographic, Rhoads has also worked for ABC, CBS, NBC, ESPN, Fox, Warner Brothers, Paramount Pictures, Sony Pictures, Discovery, TBS, The Learning Channel, Bravo, VERSUS, VH-1, A&E, TBS, TLC, Sundance Channel, OLN, E and USA Networks.

On his fourth trip to Mount Everest in 1998, Rhoads and Tashi Sherpa became the first and only men to summit the world's highest mountain twice in a single week, all the while filming a documentary for CBS. And in 1999 he returned to the Khumbu region and became the first American to climb Nuptse, a 7900-meter peak neighboring Everest.

Rhoads is a renowned extreme skier, having performed numerous first descents throughout the Rocky Mountains, most notably the Grand Teton's notorious Ford Couloir and he was the second to descend its famed Stettner Couloir. He was the first person to perform a nordic ski traverse of North America's highest mountain, Denali, in Alaska. He also is an acclaimed rock and ice climber, with many first ascents throughout the desert Southwest to his name, including the Rhoads to Nowhere in Idaho's Castle Rock area.

He co-owns and operates Skyline Ventures Productions in Salt Lake City with his wife, author and filmmaker, Jennifer Jordan.