

# A Lifetime of Commitment

*Hillary's Ascent of Everest Was Only the Beginning...*

## SIR EDMUND HILLARY The People of Everest

Foreword by  
→ HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh ←



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YEARS  
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY  
Conquest of Mount Everest

At 11:30 A.M. on May 29, 1953, Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay congratulated themselves with a handshake and then a hearty embrace. At 29,035 feet above sea level, they were standing on top of the world. They were the first men to summit Mount Everest.

*Sir Edmund Hillary & the People of Everest* celebrates the 50th anniversary of that remarkable feat while shining a new light upon the legendary conqueror of Mount Everest. Combining stunning photography with personal interviews, photographer Anne B. Keiser and writer Cynthia Russ Ramsay, recount the story of Sir Edmund Hillary's deep love and respect for the Himalayan Sherpa people—and his work on their behalf for nearly half a century. This is the story of the imperiled Himalayan world, and of one man's heroic efforts to empower its people while preserving its awesome grandeur.

Graced with a foreword by HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, this beautiful volume contains over 200 photographs ranging from intimate close-ups to awe inspiring scenics. *Sir Edmund Hillary & the People of Everest* is a definitive tribute to Sir Edmund's life and work.

