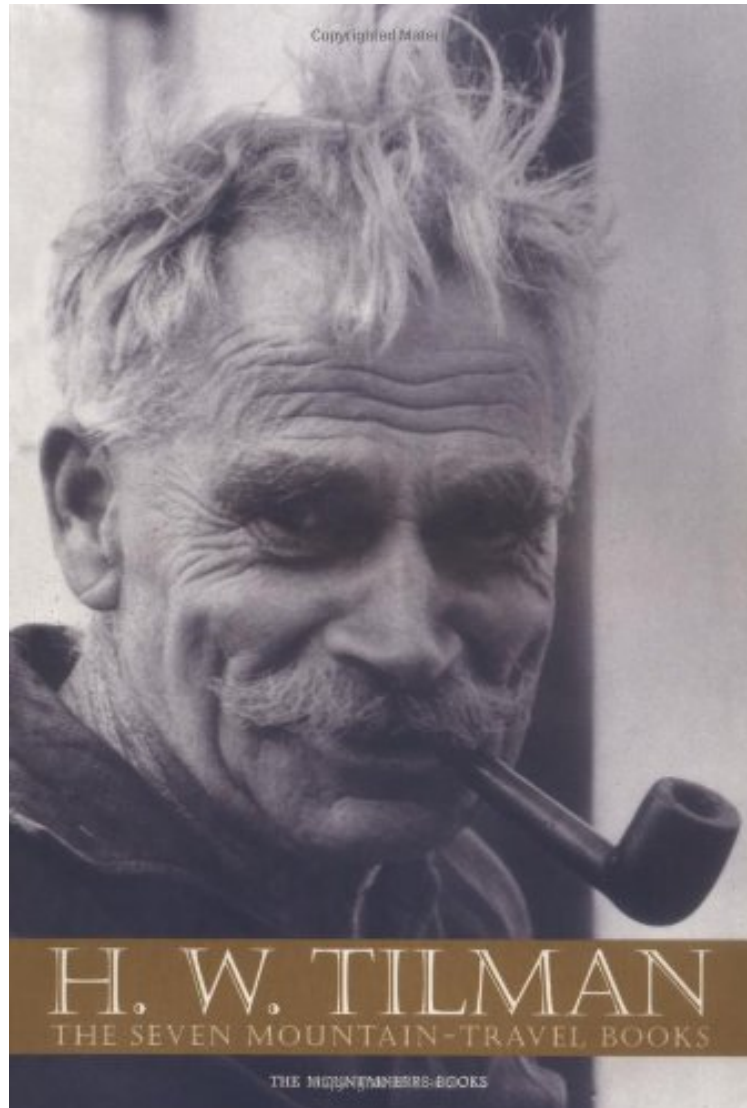


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*Tilman (on reaching the summit of Nanda Devi): "I believe we so far forgot ourselves as to shake hands on it." * Tilman (after arduous and ultimately unsuccessful attempts on two peaks in Central Asia, and his arrest as a spy): "as I turned to go down into Chitral, tired, lousy, and bereft of my diaries, I felt that the year had at any rate been rich in instruction." The W. L. Gore Shipton/Tilman Grant is named for Tilman, and his climbing companion, Eric Shipton, but too few Americans are aware of Tilman's remarkable gift for writing. This economically-priced paperbound includes: Snow on the Equator, The Ascent of Nanda Devi, When Men and Mountains Meet, Everest 1938, Two Mountains and a River, China to Chitral and Nepal Himalaya. H. W. Tilman's belief was "any worthwhile expedition can be planned on the back of an envelope." He wrote fifteen mountaineering and sailing books.

About the Author According to David Roberts, H.W. TILMAN was "the best expedition writer just as he was arguably the century's best explorer-mountaineer, whittling his whole life to a sunny vagabondage that held him in its thrall even as he sailed off into the Antarctic Ocean in his eightieth year." More prosaically, Tilman was a coffee planter turned adventurer who climbed extensively in Africa and the Himalaya; he also served in both World Wars. In 1934, Tilman and Eric Shipton pioneered a route to Nanda Devi's 'Inner Sanctuary.' This was followed, in 1936, by a first ascent by Tilman and N. E. Odell of Nanda Devi, reputedly the most outstanding mountaineering success of the pre-Second World War era. Tilman was next was appointed the leader of the 1938 (British) Everest Expedition, on which he reached more than 27,000 feet (without supplementary oxygen). His Everest expedition was marked by the small size and close-knit quality of the participants, the Shipton/Tilman belief being that "any worthwhile expedition can be planned on the back of an envelope." The W.L. Gore Shipton/Tilman Grant is named for the two adventurers.