

# The Remarkable Story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay: Conquerors of Mount Everest

On May 29, 1953, Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay became the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain. Their achievement was a major milestone in the history of mountaineering and captured the imagination of people around the world.

Hillary was a beekeeper from New Zealand who had climbed mountains since he was a child. He first attempted to climb Everest in 1951, but was forced to turn back due to bad weather. In 1953, he joined a British expedition led by John Hunt. Norgay was a Sherpa from Nepal who had served as a porter on previous Everest expeditions. He was an experienced mountaineer and was considered to be one of the best high-altitude climbers in the world.



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The expedition set out from Kathmandu in March 1953. They trekked through the Himalayas and established a base camp at the foot of Everest. They then spent several weeks acclimatizing to the altitude and preparing for their summit attempt.

On May 28, Hillary and Norgay set out from the South Col, the last major obstacle before the summit. They climbed through deep snow and across treacherous ice, and finally reached the summit at 11:30 a.m. on May 29. They spent about 15 minutes on the summit, taking photographs and planting a flag.

Hillary and Norgay's achievement was a major triumph for mountaineering. It was the first time that anyone had reached the summit of Everest, and it opened the door to future expeditions to the world's highest mountain.

Hillary and Norgay became instant celebrities after their summit. They were awarded knighthoods by Queen Elizabeth II, and they received numerous other honors and awards. They also wrote several books about their experiences on Everest, including *High Adventure* by Hillary and *Tiger of the Snows* by Norgay.

Hillary and Norgay's story is an inspiring tale of courage, determination, and teamwork. It is a story that has been told and retold for generations, and it continues to inspire people around the world.

### **Additional Information**

- Edmund Hillary died in 2008 at the age of 88.
- Tenzing Norgay died in 1986 at the age of 71.

- Mount Everest is 8,848 meters (29,029 feet) tall.
- The first American to reach the summit of Everest was Jim Whittaker in 1963.
- The first woman to reach the summit of Everest was Junko Tabei in 1975.

## Image Gallery







## External Links

- [National Geographic: Mount Everest Facts](#)
- [History.com: Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay](#)
- [BBC News: Edmund Hillary: The man who conquered Everest](#)



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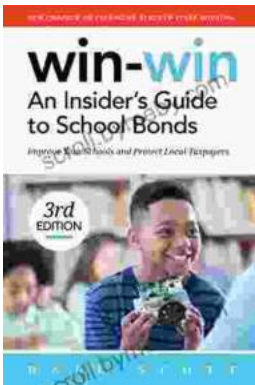
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