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STEEP (2007)

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"Steep is a thrill ride for audiences."

- [Francine Brokaw](#)

★★★★☆ (4/5 Stars)

We've had several films about the sport of surfing, but never one about the sport of extreme skiing - until now. Steep takes audiences right up the mountain with the skiers who made history skiing in locations never skied in before. If your only experience with skiing has been the crowded runs at popular ski resorts, this film will open your eyes and show you what is possible with a little imagination, support, and a lot of courage.

As one of the skiers says about the mountains, "They're alive. They'll make you more alive or they'll make you dead." This is true. Countless skiers have perished while attempting to ski from the tops of mountains, and we're not just talking about the regular mountains. We're talking about high peaks where no ski lifts ever reach. Skiing the back country, where no ski patrols roam around looking for injured skiers and in many instances no human has ever gone before, is a dangerous task. Not only will the incline get you, but you could ski off a cliff or be overrun by an avalanche. But these extreme skiers live for this adventure. "The closer you come to dying, the more alive you feel," says one of them.



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"Without risk there is no adventure," claims Bill Briggs, the very first person to take skiing to the limit in the United States. He climbed to the summit of Grand Teton and skied all the way down - all alone. How do we know he did this? The tracks left in the snow were still visible the next day via helicopter. This man started a sport that has invigorated daredevils for years.

One of the problems with extreme skiing is getting to the top of the mountain. Often times there are helicopters that will drop skiers off at or near the peak, but many times they need to actually climb up a mountain.

The incredible scenery in the film is paralleled only by the passion these skiers feel about this sport. Some audience members might think they are crazy for doing what they do. Take the guy who skis off a mountain and floats down using a parachute. There is no doubt these people know and understand the risks they take. Even so, they are willing and eager to continue in this dangerous and thrilling sport. Some will die, but they claim they will die doing what they love to do.

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