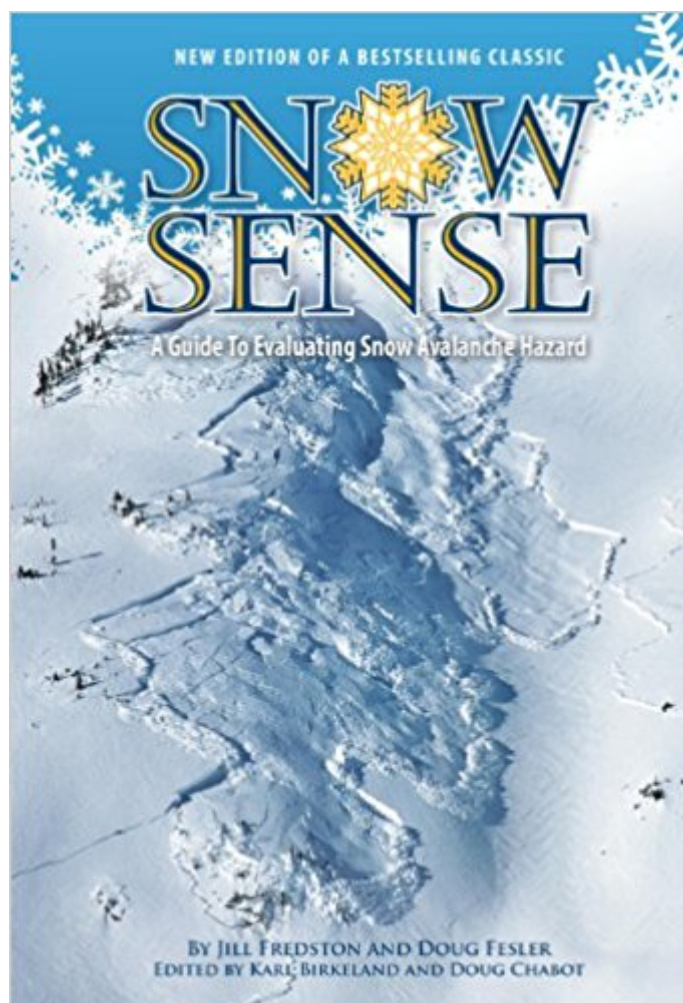


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# Snow Sense: A Guide To Evaluating Snow Avalanche Hazard



## Synopsis

A new edition of a best-selling classic. Snow Sense is North America's leading primer on how to avoid getting caught in an avalanche. Written by the experts, Snow Sense focuses on the critical terrain, snowpack, weather, and human factors that allow avalanche accidents to happen. A must-have for anyone who works or plays in avalanche country.

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If you travel in the mountains, you understand that knowledge equates to safety. Snow Sense is your source of unparalleled wisdom. It could save your life. --Conrad Anker, Professional alpine climber and author  
Praise for previous editions: No other (avalanche) teachers have more credibility...Snow Sense is by far the best material available on staying alive in avalanche country. --Steve Casimiro, Powder Magazine  
Praise for previous editions: Here's a book you should have. I know, I know, everybody says that but this is different...Now notice I didn't say this is a book you should have on your bookshelf. This one should be in the top packet of your pack...Snow Sense is a hands-on, explicit, clear-thinking, hard-hitting field guide...Every time I hear of another avalanche-caused death...I wish the victim had read this book. The survivors must read it. --Mark Jenkins, Backpacker Magazine

Jill Fredston and Doug Fesler are among North America's leading avalanche experts. They have spent more than thirty years evaluating avalanche hazard, predicting avalanches, triggering them with explosives, teaching potential victims how to stay alive, and leading rescue efforts in Alaska.

This book has always been recommended in any snow, avalanche or rescue training courses I have attended. There are good reasons for the recommendation. It works well to prep you for a course or as a refresher to pull out before the snow season. Much of it is common sense but then common sense is not so common anymore. Belongs on the shelf (and needs to be taken off and used) of every winter backcountry user regardless of your mode of transportation.

My friend recommended I read this prior to our hut-to-hut ski trip in Colorado. I cannot say enough good things about this little book. So concise, so sensible, so obviously informed by decades and decades and decades of first-hand experience. Really great pictures, too, to illustrate points. Advocates for a risk-assessment process that everyone could stand to read and understand and adopt, whether you're a wilderness guide, a recreationist, or just an urban dweller with absolutely no plans to visit snowy places.

Good book to refresh before going out in the back country.

My friend told me to read this book before going into my avalanche classes. This book really gave me a head start on my courses and helped me understand very valuable info. I would recommend this book to anyone who is going into avalanche classes or starting to ski or snowboard in the back country. Very valuable info

This book is a great entry level guide to understanding how snow pack affects travelers. The weather conditions, people traffic, and terrain all contribute to avalanche factors. How will you plan an outing- snowshoeing, snowboarding, skiing, sledding etc.? Are you and the people in your group prepared for conditions, and ready in case of an emergency? Do you practice rescue techniques in case of an emergency? All this and more is covered in this book to prepare for back country snow travel in avalanche zones.

I liked this guide because the authors engaged a very difficult subject and distilled it down to the "must knows" very quickly, yet with solid coverage. The first part of the book discusses the various aspects involved in making slopes "avalanche prone". The second part provides an excellent field guide "how to" for evaluating snow conditions. The techniques are well explained, charts are comprehensive yet easy to understand/use, and the photos tell the story well. I would recommend

this to anyone wanted to be a bit safer in the mountains. I have already recommended it to all my AT skiing pals.

This was the text for an Avalanche Course I took through the AMC. It is an excellent book, well written, but it does "take you deep" into the world on snow analysis. I recommend for lighter reading with the same sort of content "The Avalanche Book".

Perfect primer for the recreational outdoor enthusiast, balancing excellent focus on most important operational items for field use with adequate in-depth survey of most relevant knowledge and science. Highly recommended as preparation for taking a course on the topic, supplementary text to deepen understanding, and regularly refresh practical knowledge.

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