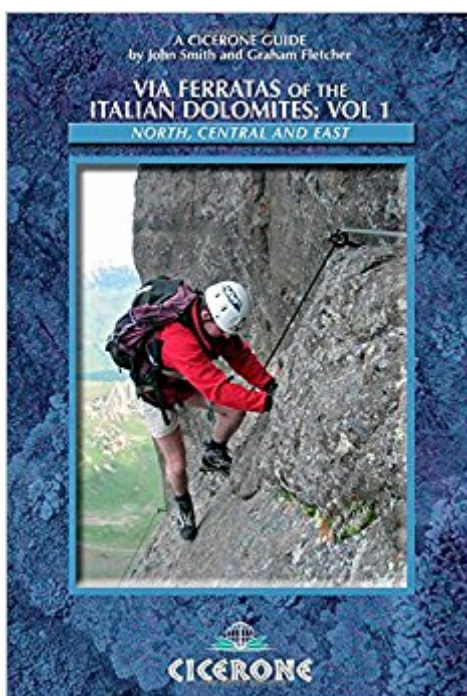


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Synopsis

This completely updated Volume 1 of Via Ferratas of the Italian Dolomites covers the northern central and eastern Dolomites across an area stretching from Val di Fassa to Auronzo. Instead of grouping routes by mountain ranges, the book sets them out according to strategic valley bases, with some guidance on the best bases for attacking each of the routes. The authors, who have first-hand knowledge of guiding all the routes, have developed a completely new grading system, which strives to simplify an extremely subjective topic. Mountain ranges covered include Catinaccio, Marmolada, Sella, Puez Odle, Fanes, Tofane, Cristallo, Sesto, Sorapiss and Marmarole. Volume 2 covers the southern Dolomites, Brenta and Lake Garda.

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Customer Reviews

John Smith has been walking and climbing mountains around the world for around 30 years. He has a passion for the area and Via Ferratas, and this volume is the result of many enjoyable days in the Dolomites. Graham Fletcher started climbing over 30 years ago. After a busy professional career, he took early retirement and has now returned to climbing.

Great guide book to have as a companion with you in the Dolomites. You will also need to procure a Tobacco Map (the company that produces the series of maps) and recommend buying the non laminated map because it covers more square km., saves you money (because you may only have to buy one map) and you may be doing a ferrata on the edge of the area indicated. This guide

allows you to develop a tick list prior to visiting this remarkable part of Italy as well as provide you with insight to the technicality of the route.

This guide definitely helps you get your bearings of an area, and plan out a weekend, but when it comes to actually finding and being on the route, one is best served by a combination of a separate detailed topo, and a reference to clues given in the text of the book. Sometimes they spend way too much time describing the route (just follow the cables!) and are lacking on details for the approach and decent. These mountains are extremely difficult to describe in any 2D representation, and I have found the maps in other cicerone guides to be more useful.

I used this while planning a climbing trip. While I wish there were more pictures or a scenery rating to help you choose, this is great for scouting locations, planning multi-day routes, and understanding difficulty.

Overall, very informative for helping to plan our trip in the Dolomites. It has Index of Routes by Grade Order, Index of Groups by Mountain Group, but it does not have an Index by alphabetical order.

Worth every penny - get up in the mountains and don't worry about researching details or hiring guides - all you need is this book.

Good book
Nice pictures and descriptions.
Needs a master map of the area covered. If you don't know the areas or have another map to look stuff up on you will be lost. You will need a master map to plan on.

Clear sections;
Good and detailed description;
Informative rating and qualifying system;
Pictures are not too attractive in black and white;
Maps are not detailed and not easy readable in black and white;
Overview maps are missing about the valleys or mountains or mountains group.

Useful guidebook to the Dolomites with simple maps and accurate route descriptions. You will still need topographic maps. Doesn't give much info regarding which towns are best to stay in.

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