

Advance Praise for: The Last Season
By Eric Blehm

“This is a first-rate detective story, but it is an even better love story – an account of the love for wild places that animates some of us, leads us ever deeper in and higher up.”

—**Bill McKibben, author *The End of Nature and Wandering Home***

“Like Jon Krakauer’s *Into the Wild* and Werner Herzog’s *Grizzly Man*, *The Last Season* is filled with suspenseful storytelling that synthesizes years of exceptional research. Beyond documenting an intriguing search-and-rescue incident, this is the legendary tale of Randy Morgenson, an unsung witness of wilderness devotion, a true conscience and disciple of the backcountry, whose last wish may well have been to pay off a debt to the mountains and meadows he protected.”

—**Aron Ralston, author *Between A Rock and a Hard Place***

“At the heart of *The Last Season* is an inquiry you needn’t have left pavement and hot showers to appreciate. It delves into the character of a man, the story of a marriage, the compromises that make our lives work, and the outcomes of one man’s refusal to make them. I couldn’t put it down.”

—**Jordan Fisher Smith author *Nature Noir: A Park Ranger’s Patrol in the Sierra***

“An intriguing, bittersweet wilderness detective story.”

—**Greg Child, author *Over the Edge: The True Story of Four American Climbers' Kidnap and Escape in the Mountains of Central Asia***

“This is a hell of a story, a tale of lost souls and human frailty and very real sadness, but it’s also a one-of-a-kind look into a truly rarefied American subculture, the specialized world of elite backcountry rangers – their ethics, their techniques, even the motivations that keep them deep in the woods, as the years turn into decades and life flows on by. I have a feeling Eric Blehm’s *The Last Season* is going to be around for a long time, earning a place in every home library devoted to the California wilderness experience.”

—**Daniel Duane, author *Caught Inside and Looking For Mo***

“Impeccably researched and compassionately told, *The Last Season* is a compelling story of one man’s passion and pain.”

—**Jennifer Jordan, author *Savage Summit—The True Stories of the First Five Women Who Climbed K2, the World’s Most Feared Mountain***

“*The Last Season* is an exciting yet tragic saga that follows the mysterious disappearance of wilderness ranger Randy Morgenson. This true story is a “must read” for any serious Sierraphile.”

—**Gene Rose, Sierra author, historian and lecturer**

“Very artfully written, *The Last Season* allows the reader a highly-intimate – almost voyeuristic – insight into the life and mysterious disappearance of this enigmatic and, some would say, larger-than-life backcountry park ranger. I highly recommend it.”
—Butch Farabee, author *Death, Daring, and Disaster – Search and Rescue in the National Parks*

“A mesmerizing tale of one man’s struggle for fidelity – to the woman with whom he enjoined his life, and to the wild world of which he was steward. How many of us have felt in our bones that pull between worlds and the passions they inspire; Blehm sinks our teeth right into the marrow of that conflict.”

—Amy Irvine McHarg, wilderness activist and author

“Eric Blehm’s *The Last Season* is a terrific mystery and a heartbreaking story of one man’s love of wilderness. It will keep you reading into the night, and remain with you long after you have finished.”

—Nora Gallagher, author *Practicing Resurrection*

“The story of a wild man of profound vision and sustaining conscience. Blehm has superbly captured that soul and given it voice; it is one we all should listen to carefully.”

—Page Stegner, Author *Outpost of Eden: A Curmudgeon at Large in the American West*