



# AVALANCHE SAFETY

ROCKY MOUNTAINS  
AND  
CHAMONIX ALPS  
1934-1937  
BOOK I

**In**

**This**



**Moment**



WES



GEOGRAPHICAL  
TOPOGRAPHICAL

# ATLAS BIOGRAPHICA

INTERIOR TERRAIN  
STRATA

SUMMITS PERPETUALLY CHANGE  
THE WORLD HOLDS TIME LIKE THIS

THE  
1930s  
A WORLD VEERING.

Mechanized life running rife. Nature reeling. Rampant resource uprooting. Unanchored soil, devastation and darkening skies.  
A widening rift between rich and poor. Silver screens, emerald cities, and gilded modern times. Many hoping for a new deal.  
Zealotry, polarities, catastrophes and refugees. Multitudes hailing a brazen hate monger.  
Living the brink.

WILDERNESS  
LUMINOUS

HUMAN KIND  
RISING ALONG THE FAULT LINES

METAMORPHIC  
HIGH PRESSURE

FELIX  
SHADOW MOUNTAIN

"I could spend my whole life just being alive."  
Knows nature is careless of courage

And yet -  
PLANET  
EARTH

HUMAN  
NATURE

PRECIPICE

PINNACLE

OUTCROPPING

LEDGE

BUTTRESS

SCREE

IGNEOUS  
CRYSTALLIZATION

Reverently, heedlessly  
Nevertheless, sets an extra anchor  
Tenaciously carefree  
Speculates velocities

TERTIARY  
FORCES

Calculates dances with gravity

STELLA  
CASTLE CREEK

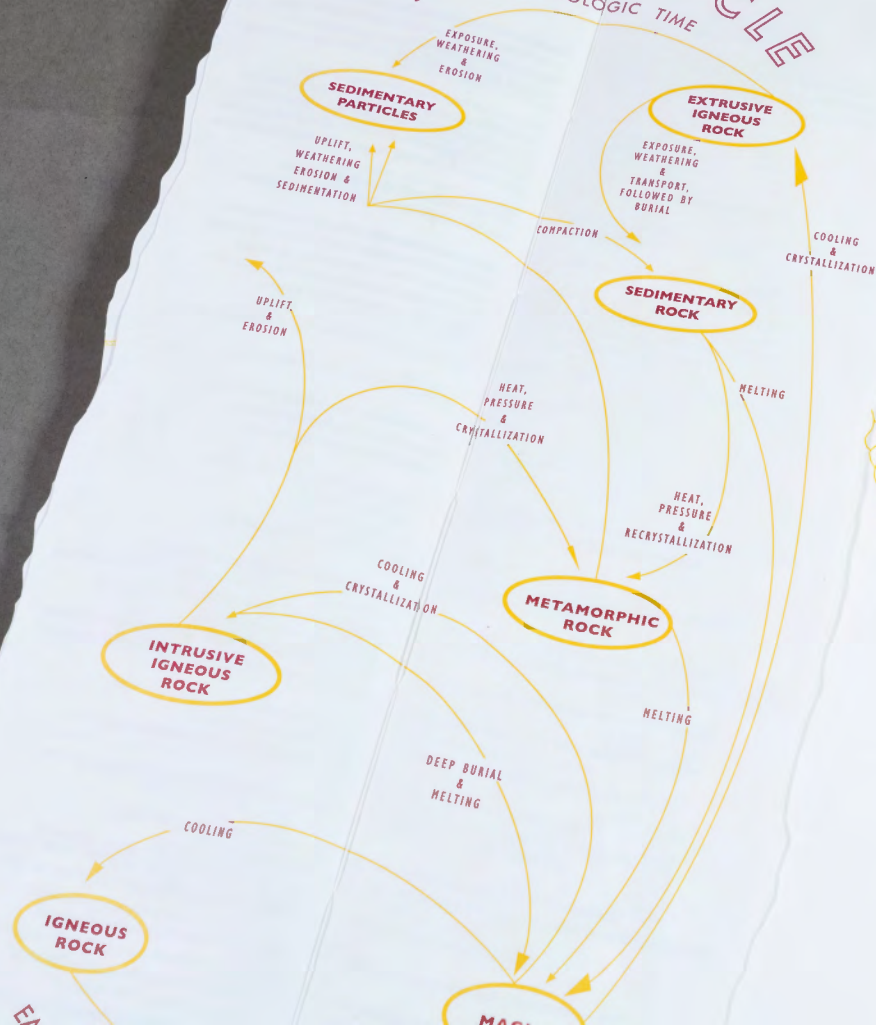
"Sometimes I forget I could die"  
Festoons her fears in fearless

Supposes an infinite wilder  
Fastidiously weighs odds in her  
Relies on trifling for

Tenders  
Assumes intrepid  
Trusts imagin

# ROCK CYCLE

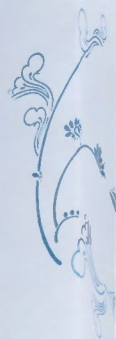
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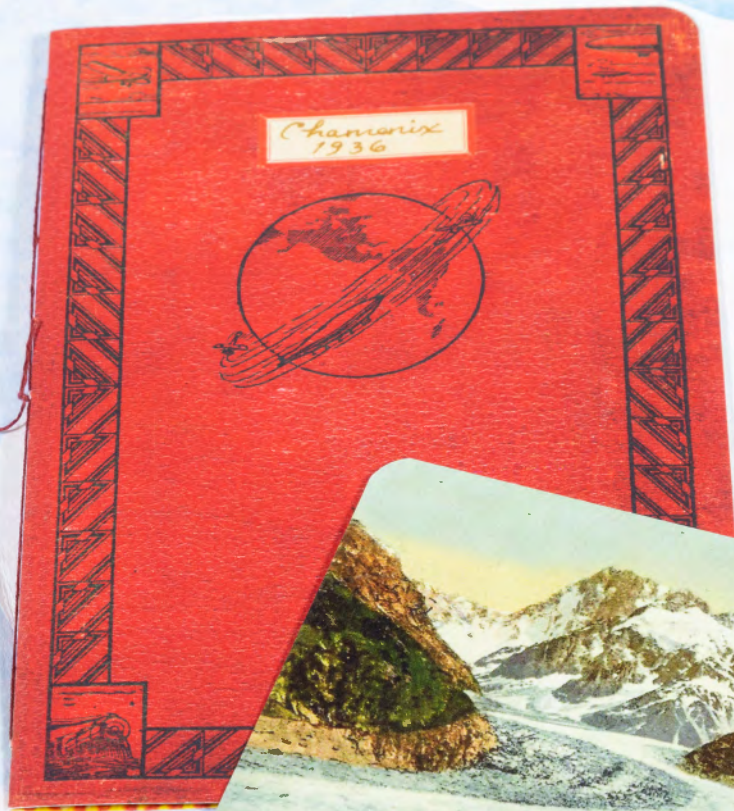


OUT OF THE BLUE  
AN INVITATION TO THE  
EXCERPT OF A LETTER  
FROM  
AUNT GLADYS IN LONDON  
TO HER SISTER ROSALINE IN CALIFORNIA  
SPRING, 1936

...No, Rosalie, I don't know who  
looking for up there. Stella should  
to scale whatever she likes. Don't  
me—if I hadn't sent that rope she  
climbed without it. I propose that  
her to me this summer before she  
for college. I will take her to the  
proper mountaineering education.

Four pitches up,  
 grog  
 the teetering on a block.  
 straining  
 Stella reaches for a rock.  
 almost  
 Squeezing nubs of granite  
 between her fingertips,  
 moaning  
 she stretches her foot out,  
 crutch  
 trusting a wedged rock  
 to weight her life.  
 This rock is held by  
 another rock.  
 which is jammed into another.  
 which is supported by another.  
 which is anchored by another.  
 which is shoring up another.  
 that is braced by another.  
 buttressed by another.  
 clasped by another.  
 cradled delicately by another.  
 that is propping up one  
 that is very nicely nestled  
 in the clutches of another.  
 which is secured by another.  
 bolstered by another.  
 that is lightly leaning on another.  
 which is  
 embraced  
 of an expensively yet gradually  
 by another, which is  
 resting for a spell on earth,  
 carried by the planet,  
 borne by gravity.





OF THE EARTH