



Self portrait on the summit of Broad Peak after my solo ascent. Within hours of taking this shot I would endure my first bivouac, at 8000 metres, without equipment.



Broad Peak. Rick and I attempt the right-hand skyline ridge. I subsequently soloed the face leading up to the col and bivouacked, on descent, at the left end of the horizontal ridge at centre top. The summit is at the right end.



A long line of porters carriers our expedition equipment up the Baltoro Glacier to Gasherbrum Base Camp in 1999.



My first summit of Mount Everest on 24 May 2000 with one of my clients, Paul Giorgio (in blue). (Photo courtesy of Christine Boskoff)



Trajce Aleksov (Alex) reducing our excess baggage before returning home from Mount Manaslu in 2002.



Sherpas throw rice into the air as an offering to the gods during a Puja ceremony at Everest base camp. The colorful Tibetan Buddhist prayer flags are an important part of the ritual.



Dragging the mortally injured Christian Kuntner to Camp 2 on Annapurna, in a make-shift sled with Silvio Mondinelli (centre) and Brendan Cusack (at left).



Colorfully dressed female porters carrying full loads towards Kanchenjunga.



Lucky to be alive after descending alone from Kanchenjunga's summit in a wild storm.



Forcing a route up the huge, unstable ice cliff at the top of Annapurna's German Rib. This was the technical crux of the ascent and one of the most dangerous parts of the climb.



Tiptoeing up the perilous wind slab of Annapurna's vast summit slopes.



One side of the mountaineers' memorial at Annapurna base camp. Annapurna had claimed more than sixty lives by the time I climbed it.



Dawa holds the rope to Neil who is 10 metres down a crevasse on Shishapangma. The dark patch ahead of Dawa is the hole Neil made when he broke through.



Bivouacking with Neil (in yellow) on descent from Shishapangma's summit in 2009. We spent the night in minus 25 to minus 30 degrees Celsius, praying that the forecast blizzard would hold off.



At home and happiest in the mountains.