



*Comrades on the Colca: A Race for Adventure and Incan Treasure in One of the World's Last Unexplored Canyons*

By Eugene Buchanan

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#### **About the *Comrades on the Colca*:**

Join Eugene Buchanan, author of *Brothers on the Bashkaus*, in his latest tale of travel and adventure. This time he is in South America with a team of Polish explorers on a first descent down the Cruz del Condor section of Peru's Colca Canyon, the deepest gorge in the world.

Negotiating everything from unrunnable cascades to Incan mummy-filled caves and skin-bubbling plants, en route they discover not only the camaraderie needed to survive but a rival Polish team bent on beating them to the expedition plum.

Interspersed with tales of Incan history, legends of treasure hunting, and other South American exploits, *Comrades on the Colca* plunges the reader into a gripping adventure travel narrative that will have the reader reaching for a paddle and plane ticket to wilds of Peru.

#### **About the Author:**

A former reporter for the *Denver Business Journal* and 14-year editor-in-chief of *Paddler* magazine, Eugene Buchanan has written about the outdoors for more than 25 years, from covering the X Games for ESPN.com to working for NBC at the Beijing Olympics. A Business/Economics graduate of Colorado College, where he captained his NCAA lacrosse team, the former ski patrol, kayak instructor and sea kayak and raft guide also enjoys a successful freelance career, with articles published in the *New York Times*, *Men's Journal*, *Sports Afield*, *Outside*, *National Geographic Adventure*, *Adventure Journal*, *Skiing*, *Ski*, *Powder*, *Backcountry*, *5280*, *Bike*, *Mountain Bike* and other publications. A member of New York's prestigious Explorer's Club, he is also the founder of Paddling Life ([www.paddlinglife.net](http://www.paddlinglife.net)), and a Contributing Editor for *Powder* and *Canoe & Kayak* magazines. An avid adventurer with several first descents to his credit, Buchanan's passion for traveling, writing and paddling has taken him to more than 30 countries on six of the seven continents. A contributor

to *Men's Journal's* The Great Life anthology, his first stand-alone book, *Brothers on the Bashkaus*, was released by Fulcrum Publishing in 2008. His second book, *Outdoor Parents, Outdoor Kids*, a winner of the Living Now Book Awards, was released by Heliconia Press in 2010. He lives with his wife, Denise, and two daughters, Brooke, 16, and Casey, 13, in Steamboat Springs, Colo., just a block away from the Yampa River.