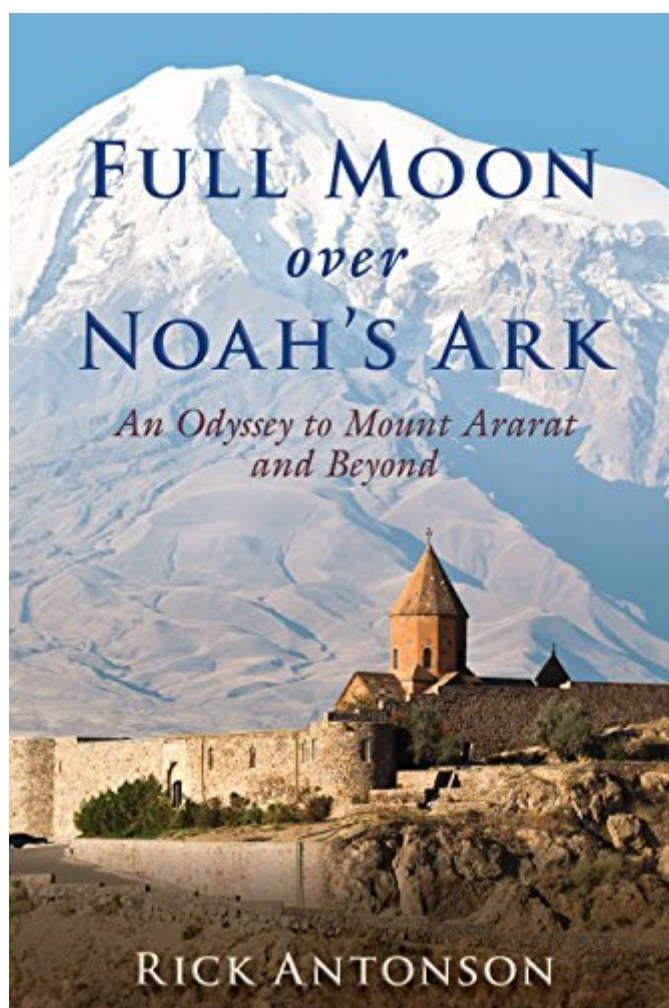


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# Full Moon Over Noah's Ark: An Odyssey To Mount Ararat And Beyond



## Synopsis

Acclaimed travel writer Rick Antonson sets his adventurous compass on Mount Ararat, exploring the region's long history, religious mysteries, and complex politics. Mount Ararat is the most fabled mountain in the world. For millennia this massif in eastern Turkey has been rumored as the resting place of Noah's Ark following the Great Flood. But it also plays a significant role in the longstanding conflict between Turkey and Armenia. Author Rick Antonson joined a five-member expedition to the mountain's nearly 17,000-foot summit, trekking alongside a contingent of Armenians, for whom Mount Ararat is the stolen symbol of their country. Antonson weaves vivid historical anecdote with unexpected travel vignettes, whether tracing earlier mountaineering attempts on the peak, recounting the genocide of Armenians and its unresolved debate, or depicting the Kurds' ambitions for their own nation's borders, which some say should include Mount Ararat. What unfolds in *Full Moon Over Noah's Ark* is one man's odyssey, a tale told through many stories. Starting with the flooding of the Black Sea in 5600 BCE, through to the Epic of Gilgamesh and the contrasting narratives of the Great Flood known to followers of the Judaic, Christian and Islamic religions, *Full Moon Over Noah's Ark* takes readers along with Antonson through the shadows and broad landscapes of Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Armenia, shedding light on a troubled but fascinating area of the world. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in history--books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

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A great read to a part of the world that needs understanding. Rick's narrative is lively, fascinating and rich with history as he travels from adventurer to mountaineer to curious traveller and historian. I thoroughly enjoyed Full Moon over Noah's Ark and would recommend with 5 stars.

An interesting story, well told.

Great read...informative, educational. I enjoyed reading about the other cultures surrounding the story of Noah's Ark and Mt. Ararat.

Rick Antonson is a wonderful writer, with a quirky and humorous outlook on life. He takes us along on all his adventures!

Full Moon over Noah's Ark is another fine memoir from Rick Antonson. It's also an adventure story. And a valuable geography lesson. Antonson, a travel writer by profession, has taken to crafting adventures for himself beyond the confines of five-star hotels and expense accounts. In Full Moon he determines to "summit" the fabled Mt. Ararat in Eastern Turkey. It's fabled for being the alleged site of Noah's ark, for being treacherously difficult to climb, and for being at the center of a territorial dispute between Turkey and Armenia. Antonson has a companionable way of introducing us to the rigors of mountain climbing, the pleasures of new friends, and the tragedies of countries in centuries-old conflict. He seems to have a knack for making friends everywhere he goes, whether it's a cab driver smuggling contraband or a grandfather hitching a ride for the heck of it. This book gave me a new perspective on the countries of the Middle East and their amazing people.

I had a chance to read an early copy of this book. Much like his other books, author Rick Antonson provides just the right amount of travelogue, humour and history in Full Moon over Noah's Ark. Lots of vivid details bring the region to life, and the history that is cleverly woven into the narrative is thought-provoking and just plain interesting. I highly recommend this book, as well as his others - Route 66 Still Kicks and To Timbuktu for a Haircut in particular are both great reads.

Mr. Antonson is a masterful author and traveler. I thought this book was so unique in its approach to the search for Noah's Ark and the story that has been handed down for ages in different cultures. There are so many different activities in which he gets involved which gives the reader a good history lesson over the land that inhabits Mt. Ararat. The author knows no strangers as he travels along and gives the reader a good example how to experience different cultures and he receives such a trusting relationship and bond with those he becomes friendly. After all the years and exploration to find Noah's Ark, it seems the proof still eludes a positive finding and the mystery of The Ark remains a secret known only to God Almighty. I love his style of writing and would love to read more of his very special books.

Good book, although I found some of the author's attitudes toward risk to be somewhat flippant. However, it's not just an excellent travelogue of places seen and people met, but is combined with enough history to give the reader some context for the writing. I especially enjoyed the beginning, in which the author recounts the beginning of his fascination with Mount Ararat. Having done a bit of study on Armenia and its issues, I didn't find anything new in the book, but quite enjoyed it.

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