

An award-winning photojournalist, writer and picture editor, **Michael Kodas** is the author of the bestselling book *High Crimes: The Fate of Everest in an Age of Greed*. The book was named Best Non-Fiction in USA Book News' National Best Books Awards of 2008 and was featured on the CBS Evening News with Russ Mitchell, but its greatest honor was as a question on the game show Jeopardy! (I'll take Nonfiction for \$400, Alex). Kodas was part of a team of journalists at The Hartford Courant awarded the Pulitzer Prize for breaking news coverage in 1999. He has also received a Gold Medal from the Lowell Thomas/Society of American Travel Writers, and awards from the Pictures of the Year International competition, the Society of Professional Journalists, the National Press Photographers Association, the Society of Newspaper Design, the New England Associated Press News Executives Association, and numerous other professional organizations.

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