

Cham... High Mountains and Low Morals

...THE FIRST TRUE SKI SEASON NOVEL

Regular readers of 'Tribe' may already know Jonathan Trigell, who has occasionally contributed to the magazine. But it's not just articles that Jon produces, as he has recently published his second novel, 'Cham'.

As the name suggests, 'Cham', is set in Jon's hometown of Chamonix in the French Alps, and has already been billed by critics as 'The Beach on ice'.

And what is the book about? Well, how does a mix of deep powder, dead poets and moral freefall sound? 'Cham' follows a posse of season workers as they spend their days carving through fresh powder, and their nights drinking in a frenzy of hedonism.

But this is no 'Harry on the Boat' for wintersports reps. 'Cham' goes much deeper. It examines the lead character's determination to numb the memories of a violent past he can't atone for with alcohol and adrenaline.

At Natives, we've seen plenty of attempts at the 'great ski season novel', but 'Cham' is the first to capture season life accurately, and with a much darker spin.

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'The first time Itchy came here even the road up was like a call to arms. It's raised on great soaring stone pillars, which look like they were looted from the Titans, but it feels as if it was made before even those pregods. As if it surged from the centre of the earth with the same unfathomable energy that forced up the crag-ragged ridges on either side.'

Chamonix is indeed a mythical place, a mystical place: where civilisation confronted the wilderness and for once they agreed to differ; undefeated; the undisputed free-ride capital; the death-sport centre of the world. All of the first mountains ever assailed were climbed from here. The history of Alpinism itself is a history of Cham. Chamonix is where it all began.'

Win a copy of *Cham*
'Tribe' has three copies of 'Cham' to give away. To enter the draw, all you have to do is send an email to tribe@natives.co.uk, telling us why you should win.



JONATHAN TRIGELL was born in Welwyn in 1974. In 2002 he completed an MA in creative writing at Manchester University. He has

been a TV extra, an outdoor pursuits instructor and Natives Events Manager. His first novel, *Boy A*, won the prestigious John Llewellyn Rhys Prize for best work in the Commonwealth by an author under 35. *Boy A* is now a major feature film starring Andrew Garfield and Peter Mullan.

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