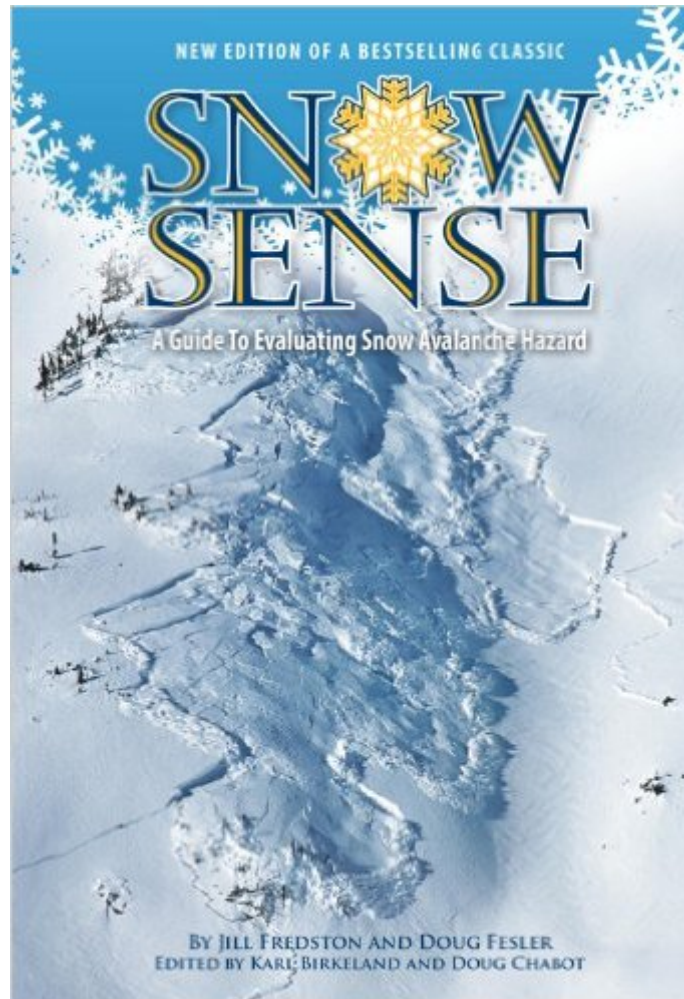


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# Snow Sense: A Guide To Evaluating Snow Avalanche Hazard



## Synopsis

A new edition of a best-selling classic. Snow Sense is North America's leading primer on how to avoid getting caught in an avalanche. Written by the experts, Snow Sense focuses on the critical terrain, snowpack, weather, and human factors that allow avalanche accidents to happen. A must-have for anyone who works or plays in avalanche country.

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"Here's a book you should have. I know, I know, everybody says that but this is different. This book lays out what avalanches are and how they happen, and it will save your life. Now notice I didn't say this is a book you should have on your bookshelf. This one should be in the top pocket of your pack. Simply put, "Snow Sense" is a pocket guide to safe snow travel, whether you're hiking, backpacking, skiing, snowshoeing, or mountaineering in high risk areas. Avalanches don't simply explode out of nowhere. The ones that kill people are usually started by the victims. This book will teach you that such catastrophes are avoidable. You can learn to recognize and evaluate avalanche hazards. You can learn to "read" the snowpack, "read" the mountains, and save your skin. "Snow Sense" is a hands-on, explicit, clear-thinking, hard-hitting field guide that teaches you how. By studying the book's "bulls-eye" clues to snowpack stability, hardness tests, shear block tests, weather analysis, simple physics, and hazard checklists, you'll come away with all you need to know about avalanches and how to avoid being caught by one. Read it once. Read it again. Take it into the field and practice the skills it teaches. Every time I hear of another avalanche-caused death in the Rockies, I wish the victim had read this book. The survivors must read it.

Used by avalanche professionals as a base for avalanche education classes. Small size but HUGE on concise information for learning to recognize, evaluate, and avoid potential avalanche hazards.

As a longtime Alaskan, I feel fortunate to have had both Doug and Jill in many courses. The book Snow sense is now the required reading material for all Nat'l Ski Patrol avalanche courses, and rightly so. I read it at the beginning of every season. True avalanche professionals. If you ever have the chance, come to Alaska and take one of their courses.

"Jill Fredston and Doug Fesler are the best avalanche instructors in North America, period. No other teachers have more credibility or put as much effort into the curriculum, presentation, and teaching methods...Their book "Snow Sense" is by far the best material available on staying alive in avalanche country."

I liked this guide because the authors engaged a very difficult subject and distilled it down to the "must knows" very quickly, yet with solid coverage. The first part of the book discusses the various aspects involved in making slopes "avalanche prone". The second part provides an excellent field guide "how to" for evaluating snow conditions. The techniques are well explained, charts are comprehensive yet easy to understand/use, and the photos tell the story well. I would recommend this to anyone wanted to be a bit safer in the mountains. I have already recommended it to all my AT skiing pals.

Perfect primer for the recreational outdoor enthusiast, balancing excellent focus on most important operational items for field use with adequate in-depth survey of most relevant knowledge and science. Highly recommended as preparation for taking a course on the topic, supplementary text to deepen understanding, and regularly refresh practical knowledge.

A winter backcountry classic. If more skiers and riders read it and followed its guidance my job as a volunteer Search and Rescue team member in Colorado would be a lot easier. In my seven years of responding to avalanche missions, NOT a single one has been for "rescue" of a living person; they've ALL been for "recovery" of the body. NEVER go into the winter backcountry alone, and ALWAYS carry an avalanche beacon, probe pole, and metal-bladed shovel with you, ensuring that EVERYONE in your party does likewise. Perhaps most importantly, ensure that everyone ... you,

too ... knows how to use them. Best that you never get caught in an avalanche, but if you are, your best (sometimes your ONLY) chance for survival lies with your friends' ability to quickly find you and to dig you out before you freeze or suffocate, assuming, of course, that you weren't already dead because you were smashed into a tree or a boulder during your "ride" downhill.

The book is pretty well illustrated which is a big help. There really was an effort to explain something in detail and then put a simple review sheet at the end of every chapter. If needed someone could rip these review sheets out and stick them in a pack. I would have liked to see more avoidance tips but i guess there is only so much that can be said.

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