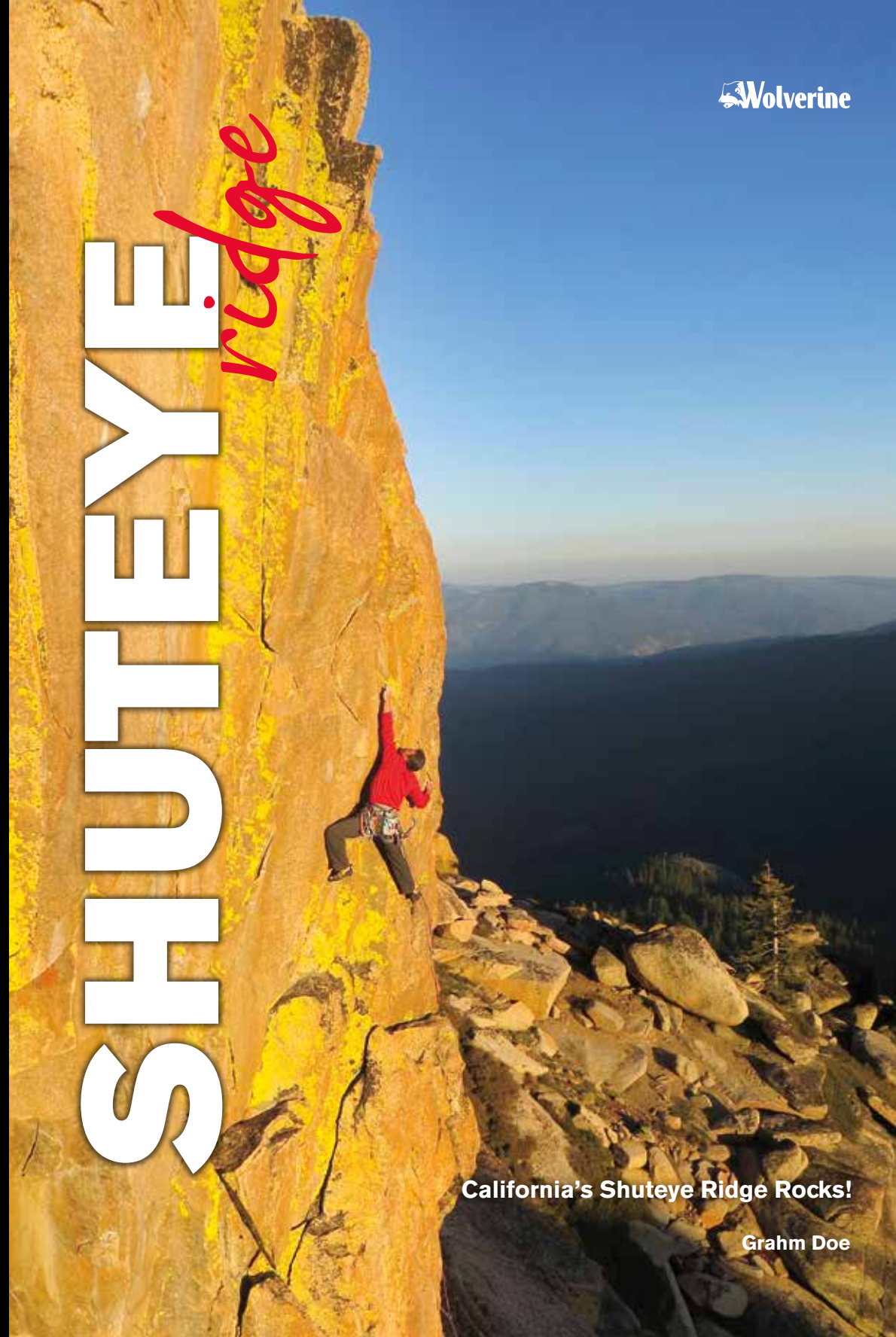


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Milky Way Wall: Amazingly, this huge wall did not have its first recorded ascent until May 2011. Tom Slater and Brandon Thau opened the climbing here after camping overnight nearby with local brothers Jeremy and Justin Ross. They had hiked seven miles up the snow-covered road, bringing overnight and first-ascent gear. At various stages during that freezing night they all woke up and admired the stars. It was a crisp and clear night, and the Milky Way looked like a million glimmering diamonds spilled across a black velvet sheet. The first-ascent party said the wall pretty much named itself.

1 □ **5.8 ★★ Edge of the Galaxy - 30m - 4 bolts, gear to 1.5", knob slings, chain anchor** - From the trail up to the Incinerator, you can see this knobby wall on the right side and just left of the long roof. Walk over and into a large, shady pit. Climb up a steep, blocky dihedral to a ledge. Follow three bolts up a runnel with good small knobs. This leads to easier knob-slinging and the final bolt out left. When ready to pull the rope, set one end into the runnel and then pull the rope to avoid snagging on knobs.

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2 □ **5.10a ★★★ Lightning Cracks** - A long, traversing route that follows the obvious left-diagonalling cracks to giant-knob climbing.

P1 - 5.10a - 60m - 4 bolts, singles to 3", 2-bolt anchor - Same initial start as for *Supernova*. Start off a block and climb face past three bolts in a thin waterstain/runnel. Bank left to the sharp flake and climb it on natural protection; clip the left bolt above ledge and up knobs to the crack/ramp. Follow the lightning cracks to a bolted anchor below steep runnel face.

P2 - 5.6 to 5.9 - 55m - knob slings, singles to 3", 2-bolt anchor - Four options on this pitch, described right to left. **One, 5.6** - Straight up over anchor on knobs. **Two, 5.8** - Take the steep runnel up the wall. ¼- to ½-inch cams protect it well up to bomber knob slings. **Three, 5.9** - Traverse left to the big plate knobs on the crack. Pull over the steep runnel bulge. A great thread-through on a rib protects the bulge. **Four, 5.7** - Traverse the cracks left and then up big knobs.

P3 - 5.easy - 30m - Climb straight up knobs and then left a little to blocks on top and gear belay (3").

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3 □ **5.10b ★★ Light Years Away - 55m - 8 bolts, gear to 2", chain anchor** - Start up and through an undercling seam's left side. Move right through tricky slab and briefly join *Supernova*. Take the left bolt up through the knobs and to easy cracks. Finish straight up the deep, bolted runnel. Optional easy giant-knob climbing can be found to the left and then up to the top of the wall.

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4 □ **5.10c ★★★★★ Supernova** - A mega-classic. Six hundred feet of excellent climbing, with a giant roof in the middle. Face, runnel, crack, roof, and giant-knob climbing all in one.

P1 - 5.10b - 50m - 11 bolts, singles to 3", chain anchor - Use many runners to reduce rope drag on this wandering pitch. Start off a block and climb up thin face past three bolts. Bank left to the flake and climb it on natural protection. Veer right after the flake and past a bolt to another thin face with two more bolts that will get you to a large ledge. Move left up the ledge to another thin face in a water groove. If you didn't sling wisely and are feeling too much rope drag at this point, build an anchor off a bolt and the 2" crack on the ledge. Climb past five more cruxy bolts up a shallow water groove to the anchor on a comfy ledge and below the intimidating roof.

P2 - 5.10c - 35m - doubles from 1" to 4", 2-bolt anchor - This is the "Great Roof" of Shuteye. Climb the roof crack, trending right. Hands, fists, fingerlocks, and underclings...bring it all. The black streak under the roof makes the roof look wet, but it's usually dry. End on good ledge.

P3 - 5.8 - 15m - gear to 2", knob slings, 2-bolt anchor needs chain - From anchor, climb up the short, sharp flake. Duck under the roof to the right, and then move up and out to a knob and horizontal cracks that take good pro. A few tricky 5.8 moves get you to easier knobs. Climb up to the bolted anchor, joining *Crossing the Milky Way*. Some may choose to rap from here. You can barely reach the P1 anchors with two 60m ropes — tie a knot in the ends.

P4 - 5.6 - 60m - knob slings, gear - Finish on the last pitch of *Crossing the Milky Way*. Climb up and left to skyline through knobs to a gear anchor in flake below summit blocks. This is the "Knob Gobbler" pitch and very fun. FA Grahm Doe, Tom Slater 11-2011 GU (photo page 377)