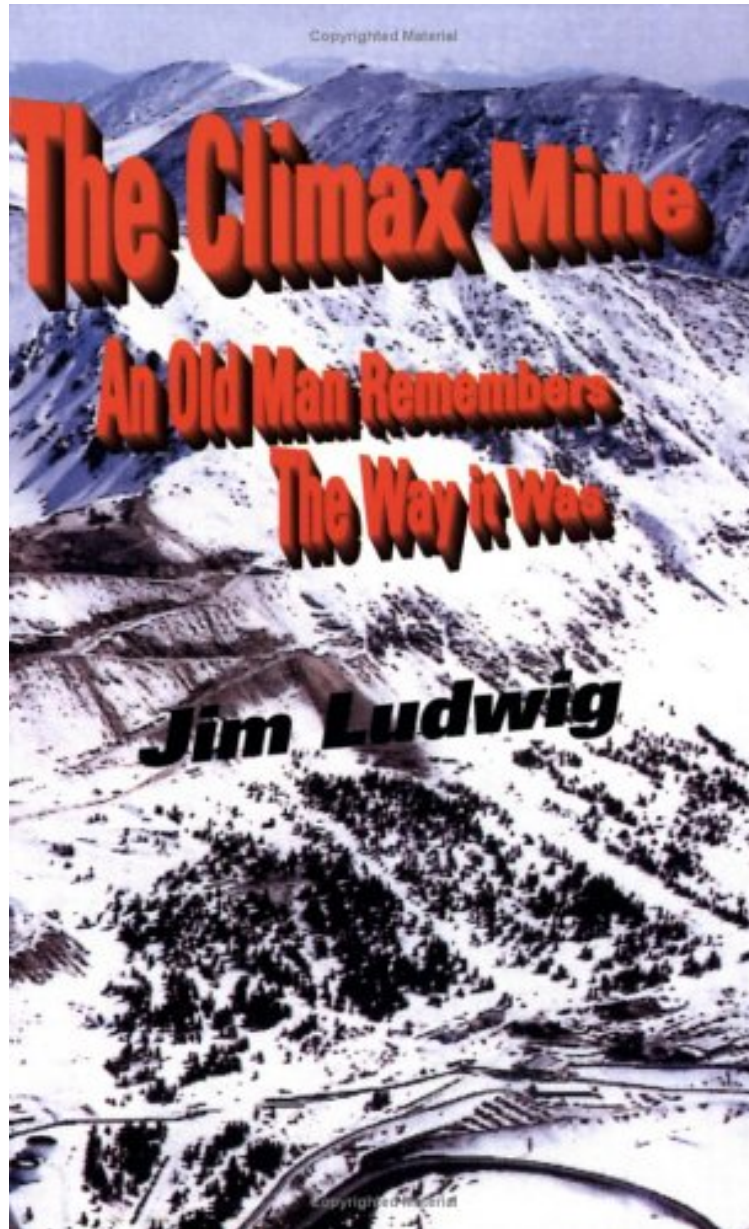


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Jim Ludwig : **The Climax Mine: An Old Man Remembers The Way it Was** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised **The Climax Mine: An Old Man Remembers The Way it Was**:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Thanks for writing this, Mr. Ludwig! By C. Adams My only complaint with this book is that it was WAY too short...I wanted it to go on and on...really, I wanted it to tell my late father's story for him. He was a hang-up man at Climax and would've loved to have read this book himself. He probably would've sworn at some of the bits in there...! I began reading the first chapter out loud to my husband and ended up crying at the memories so many of us have of growing up miner's kids in the 60's and 70's. I went to school in 1st grade at the Climax school and our apartment building was at timberline for heaven's sake! Would someone out there please write another of these memoirs for those of us who are hungry for those tales...make it long and (sorry Mr. Ludwig), please don't be someone who ended up in management so soon!! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Giver what she needs pard By Ross DeValois For old Climax hands this is a fun read. Really brought back memories of working on 600-Level Muck Crew in the '70's. Would make a great gift for one of 20,000 plus who worked there over the many years. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. It Explains The Human Side Of Mining By A Customer I lived with my husband in the mining town of Climax, Colorado from 1957 to 1962 when the Climax township, 205 homes and ten 18-unit apartment buildings were moved to nearby Leadville, Colorado. Mr. Ludwig's book accurately and with feeling describes those times and the close, emotional and often humorous events of those times in the spirit of mining families who were there but will never be able to return to an era never to be repeated. He focuses on human side of mining, rather than the glory of the wealth it produces for this nation. He does that better than anyone I have ever read who attempts to document the drama of underground hardrock mining and families who were directly involved.

A lighthearted look at life in Climax, the famous Colorado molybdenum mining camp. Jim Ludwig, both a miner and a manager, recalls the "Glory Days" when this was one of the greatest mines of the world. His book "The Climax Mine, An Old Man Remembers The Way it Was," is not an historical tome, but a collection of essays and stories about some of the sixty thousand employees who at one time or another passed through the gate at the crest of Fremont Pass. Employees that would carve 497 million tons of ore from Bartlett Mountain and process it to recover 1.9 billion pounds of elemental molybdenum before the mine closed in the mid eighties. He tells of the miners and their life, the hard and dangerous work, the humor, the recreation and the devil may care attitude that sustained them through the long, high altitude winters.

"Ludwig writes both for the ear and the eye. His descriptions of the particulars of mining are vivid and understandable." --Terry Fitzsimmons, Public Relations Director, AMAX, retired "Jim's collection of colorful and moving essays captures and preserves the human side of the Climax story." --Steve Voynick, author of Climax: The History of Colorado's Climax Molybdenum Mine About the Author Jim Ludwig, a Wisconsin native, came to Climax in 1950 as an engineering student from the Wisconsin Institute of Technology, now "The University of Wisconsin, Platteville." After a stint as a mine laborer, he became a contract miner and earned enough to return to Wisconsin and complete his degree of Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering. Returning to Climax, he worked through the ranks of underground mine management to become Mine Superintendent in 1963. He began his general management career as the Assistant General Superintendent in 1965, and became General Manager in 1969. In late 1971, he moved to the Amax Western Operations office in Golden, Colorado as the Manager of Mines. He requested early retirement in 1982 while he was Senior Vice President of Climax, in charge of operations, engineering and exploration. Today he is founder and chairman of the Pleasant Avenue Nursery, Inc. in Buena Vista, Colorado, a company which has developed the art of raising high altitude native plants for reclamation and landscaping. Now semi-retired, he has seen the company become important throughout Colorado's high Country in both factors. He is a remarried widower with an extended family throughout the United States. He began writing as a hobby at a late age, generally to inform his children "who he really was," and then found an interest among his old mining friends for his sometimes laconic, other times loquacious accounts of growing up, while working in the mine. Here he has assembled a selection of his tales of the Climax Mine, as a rambling narrative of the "good old days".