

Jeff Johnson

A Life Extraordinary

Climber, surfer, writer, photographer, and dad—Jeff Johnson has led a highly creative life fused with the elements.



There are certain rewards for perennial exposure to wind, rock, and water. It's as if, once she trusts you, this gigantic organism we call a planet starts to reveal how connected we all are. Those rare people that make this exposure their life understand the simple facts well. Jeff Johnson, a climber, surfer, sailor, writer, and photographer of global repute knows the balance better than most.

"In climbing and surfing you are forced to concentrate entirely on the moment," Jeff said. "When you swing around to paddle for a wave you're not thinking of how much you have in your bank account, or what you're going to eat for lunch. Because of the consequences it requires full concentration— not something we get in our everyday lives anymore. In surfing this may happen for seconds, or minutes. In climbing you can have it for hours, or an entire day. You tap into some sort of primal thing that exists deep in our DNA."

Based in Santa Barbara, California, Johnson lives between the waves and the mountains.

