

# SANTASADŌ

## Katja Staartjes (author) & Menno Boermans (photographer) - TopTeams

Moving Mountains Together

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In the mountains, you are living and working together at the edge of a knife. This gives us valuable insights on leadership, teamwork and change management.

*TopTeams* is a unique cooperation between author Katja Staartjes and photographer Menno Boermans. Their experiences, texts and images produces valuable insights and inspiration on leadership, teamwork and change management. Katja Staartjes was the first Dutch woman to reach the top of Mount Everest and has led small expeditions in the Himalayas ever since. She combines insights from leadership and teamwork in the mountains to her previous experiences in management. She shares this

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- Dutch edition published by Management Impact



## ABOUT THE AUTHORS

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

'Katja Staartjes takes you along to the tops of 'eight-thousanders' and with the beautiful photographs from Menno Boermans this book isn't just eye candy, but it also shows you what working together and leadership mean in these extreme conditions. Katja's stories from her own climbing expeditions give the book a personal and human touch.'

### **Management Book of the Year jury**

'Truly a magnificent book that is easy to read and original in writing, illustrated with the beautiful photos and clear quotes that gave me the spirit to read the whole book in one evening.'

**Corinne Klaver**, Expand

'Team work is top sport. With her climbing expeditions, Katja Staartjes shares important management lessons. Her stories and lessons are exemplified by the beautiful pictures of Menno Boermans.'

**Frank van Kuijk**, Managementbook.nl

'I rarely see a book on leadership and cooperation that are so beautiful and lively. A true recommendation for every leader, project leader and team coach – and also a wonderful gift to receive or give away.'

**Ans Tros**, School For Coaching

'A rare feat that I have read this management book breathlessly! (pun intended.)'

**Elly Stroo Cloeck**, Managementbook.nl

'Beautiful and compelling stories and photos and translated from the adventures to the board rooms and the work floor.'

**Danielle Braun**, Academy for Organizational Culture

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