



Vanessa O'Brien is a British-American Explorer, Author, and Advocate:

- **Author**, *To the Greatest Heights* (Quercus UK) (Simon & Schuster USA). Published April 2021, this book is now being optioned to film.
- **Six Guinness World Records – First x 2, Fastest, Deepest, Farthest, Oldest:**
 - **First** woman to reach **extremes on land, sea, and air** (the Explorer's Extreme Trifecta) after hitting 107km on Blue Origin's NS-22.
 - **First** woman to reach earth's highest (Everest) and **deepest** points (Challenger Deep).
 - **Fastest** woman to climb the Seven Summits (295 days).
 - First to reach **farthest** (Chimborazo) and nearest to earth's core (Challenger Deep).
 - **First** woman to complete the Four Poles Challenge: Everest, Challenger Deep, and skiing the last degree to both the north and south poles.
 - First British or American woman to successfully summit K2, the second tallest peak, at **52 years old**. Vanessa led a team of 12 and took the **UN Women's flag to the summit**.
- First female to set a speed record to complete the **Explorers Grand Slam in 11 months**. Summited five of 14 **eight thousand-meter peaks**, including 2 back-to-back 8 days apart.
- First person to stage a **virtual base camp** in a **search and rescue mission** in partnership with the **Iceland Space Agency** and the **governments of Pakistan and Chile**.
- Recognized by the **New York State Assembly** (2021) Citation of Honours for support to the Nepali community and climate change advocacy, by the **President of Pakistan** (2020) for services to education and sports, by Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (2019) **Fearless Girl Award**, and by the Scientific Exploration Society (SES) (2018) **Explorer of the Year**.
- **Advocate** for climate, humanity, women's equality, education, and health. Vanessa also **maintains the official records** for the **Explorers Grand Slam**.
- **Fellow** of the Royal Geographical Society (RGS); **Honorary Advisory Board Member** of SES.
- **Scientific research** mapping ocean floors and taking water samples, evaluating the medical risks of acetazolamide, taking glacier samples to test for radiogenic isotopes and glacier recession.
- **Brand Ambassador** for **Omega – Blue Origin NS-22 (2022) and Challenger Deep (2020)** – both space and the deepest dive were firsts involving two women, **UN Women – Blue Origin NS-22 and K2 (2017)** – demonstrating women have no ceilings, and proving women's courage to take on challenges, **Arc'Teryx – (2017-2022)** - to inspire local communities to go outdoors, **Aviva (2021)** – how to make decisions, **Diageo (Jane Walker 2020)** – Keep Walking Firsts that challenged the establishment, inspired us, and propelled us towards a more equitable future, , **First Republic Bank (2018)** – providing creative solutions, **Charles Schwab (2016)** – Why This Road.
- **Executive MBA** Stern School of Business, NYU; **20+ years' experience** in Financial Services. Registered speaker with the American Program Bureau.
- **Social media** - Twitter (14k), YouTube (1.74k), FB (2.4k), Linked-In (1,462), Instagram (3,000).