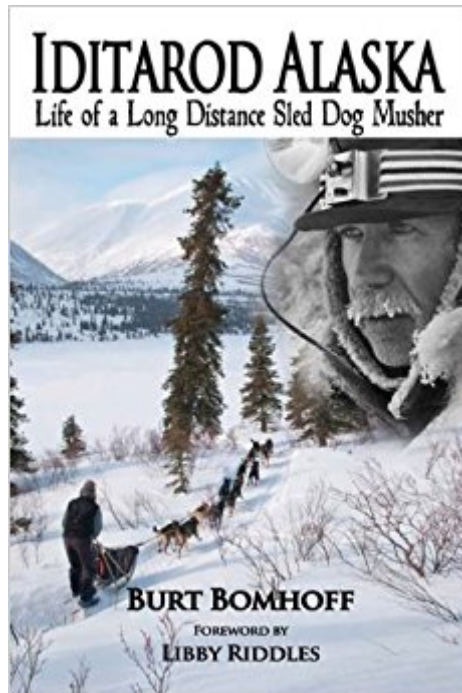




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Iditarod Alaska



Synopsis

For many, Alaska's golden years were at the turn of the last century when gold miners and fur traders plied the rivers and trails of this great Alaska in search of adventure and fortune. Men, tough guys who had character, traveled by foot, riverboat and dog team through a land where few could survive, much less thrive. It wasn't just the adventure; it was the grandeur of Alaska, the deep woods, the open tundra and the rugged mountains. And it was also the life that meant so much. The fellowship of friends sitting around a campfire talking of things simple but important, things of the deep woods where the wolves howled and the northern lights danced across a clear, black, star studded sky. This same life, these people and the husky sled dogs were found along the Iditarod race trail during the 1980s. Burt describes the life in a small wilderness cabin, the comradery of friends around a campfire, the dogs, the characters and the great Alaska wilderness. It brings back fond memories for us who lived it and tells in detail of these great times for others who want to know what it was really like.

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Customer Reviews

Well I was in love with Iditarod since before I purchased the book, but now I really want to take a plane and go to Alaska. Beautifully written, with tons of stories and information, it makes you feel like you're there with the author on a sled race. This is a damn awesome book.

This book, IDITAROD ALASKA, excited me every time I sat to read it. Burt lived it and he took good notes while it was happening. When I was researching the Iditarod for my novel, AS ALL MY

FATHERS WERE, I could have used this book. I read six others, talked with mushers, winners and losers, but none told me what this book reveals. The friendship, rivalry, trickery that accompany the race and the procuring of dogs from one another will make you smile while grabbing your wallet with both hands. It met my criteria for an excellent book: It is well written; entertaining enough to keep reading; educational so I learn something about an interesting slice of life that I didn't know about; and in the end inspirational. You can't go wrong reading it. Yes--it needs tightening by an expert editor and there are a few too many photos, some you can't make out who is who, but don't let that deter you. Get an autographed copy if you can because the second printing will be coming out fast. This book is going to sell well.

IDITAROD ALASKA is an honest and fun read about the life of an Alaskan and an Iditarod musher. I chuckled and laughed at so many of Burt's stories. I enjoyed reading about the friendships coupled with the chicanery of these dog mushing folks in Burt's life. I particularly had fun reading references to Joe Redington, Sr. Burt's details give one a good perspective into the life of a dog musher in Alaska. You have to be tough, creative, and have a sense of humor, that's for sure! I greatly appreciate Burt's dedication to the Iditarod Race, his selfless energy and hard work, and the commitment he gave when he got caught up in Joe's dream. Great read! Thank you, Burt. Katie Mangelsdorf
Author of CHAMPION OF ALASKAN HUSKIES

I loved the book. I met with Burt 4 years ago when I came to Alaska for a 17 day rented motorhome trip Burt met with us, before we began our 17 day trip to points of interest to us. Enjoying Alaska as we did, I felt reading Iditarod gave me clearer picture of the nature of the residents, their love and respect for the outdoors. Burt and I and my older brother, Chod, grew up in Grinnell, Iowa. Burt's family left Grinnell just before high school, but we stayed close with him. I read Burt's book after our trip to Alaska. I could clearly relate to his book after our visit. I would like to return Alaska and will. Burt, thanks for your signed copy

Amazing!!! recently visited Alaska, met the Iditarod Champions , mushed sled dogs in the glaciers....this book is real story, Its a such hard life for people and dogs!!! ...but amazing to see all they can do together!!!

I met Burt in Anchorage at the outdoor market where he signed the book. I was greatly impressed with the planning and training that goes into the 1100 mile race to Nome. I have hunter deer when it

was 10 degrees below zero in Missouri, but cannot comprehend what it take to drive a team of dogs for such a distance with temperatures in excess of 40 below. The book was well written and I really enjoyed reading it.

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