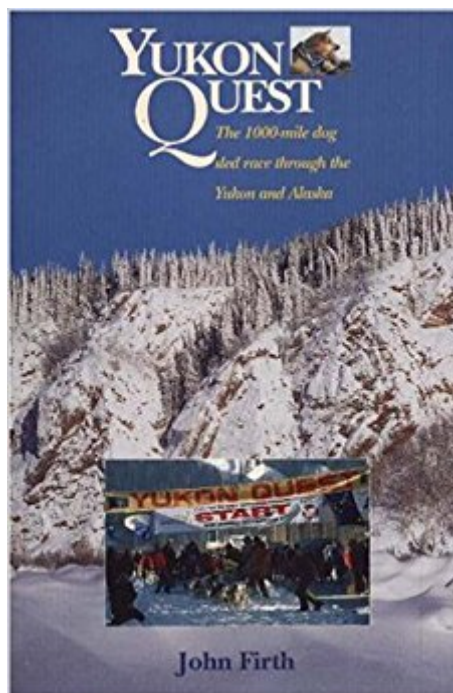




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The Yukon Quest is a 1000 mile dog sled race through the Yukon and Alaska that pits man and his best friend against the worst Mother Nature has to offer. In this book John Firth takes the reader through each stage of the 1998 Yukon Quest. Also filled within the pages are anecdotes from all the races between 1984 to 1997. The stories are personal, they are real, they will make you laugh, they will make you cry, but most of all they will make you see the bond that the mushers have with their dogs. There is a relationship between the musher and his/her dog team that goes beyond that of a pet. There is trust, love, and the enjoyment of being together. The interactions between the mushers can be comical at times but it can also turn serious when necessary. Firth has many stories from the mushers that will show you both sides. The best thing about all the mushers is that no matter what, if someone needs help everyone will stop to help and forget about the race until everybody is safe. They must rely on each other, they are the only people around for hundreds of miles. It is not easy to cross 1000 miles of frozen land and water. They must help each other if they can. The book also gives a history of the race such as route changes and political problems encountered. The 1998

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