

Down North to the Sea: 2,000 Miles by Canoe to the Arctic Ocean

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Alden C. Hayes : Down North to the Sea: 2,000 Miles by Canoe to the Arctic Ocean before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Down North to the Sea: 2,000 Miles by Canoe to the Arctic Ocean:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. An Adventure Worth Re-readingBy bernardHayes (the author) offers a gripping story of adventure and personalities of the participants as they meet and endure the difficulties that such a trip entails! What is interesting also is how the author uses notations he took and those of others who recorded their impressions at the time of the journey, and at the end of the story describes how events recorded differed in each one's diary. The interplay of those who went on the trip (4-5?; not sure how many) makes for a study in what is impressed on each one's mind at the time and what seemed signifant at the time. It is a lively tale and makes for absorbing reading! I love the beginning of the book when the choice of where to go is decided in a restaurant by asking the waitress which of the journeys under consideration they should take. Eric Sevareid, a prominent journalist in his day (for those under a certain age), wrote an autobiographical book after World War II, "Not so Wild a Dream." In it he writes how he and a young friend,living in Minnesota, ventured forth one summer by canoe to paddle their way to the Hudson Bay! I can only compare Hayes' book to Sevareid's account, and the former is in every way the equal--if not in some ways surpasses the elegant prose of the famed reporter. It is no surprise to me of the writing by Alden Hayes; I worked with him when he was an archeologist at Mesa Verde, and in that professional role, dry as usually such reports of research are, he was able to infuse some life in the writing. He has other publications to his

credit and can be looked up Bernard Katz (not "Kant") and now living in Leesburg,(not Reston) VA3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Find the Adventure in YouBy Jed HayesThis book was written by my grandfather. He was a special man. This book accounts an actual trip he made in his early twenties in Yukon Territory. Beautifully captured images of the landscape and area are told in the way only my Poppa could. With biting wit and silver tongued sarcasm. Read this and be inspired to cast fear aside and do something, anything, great.