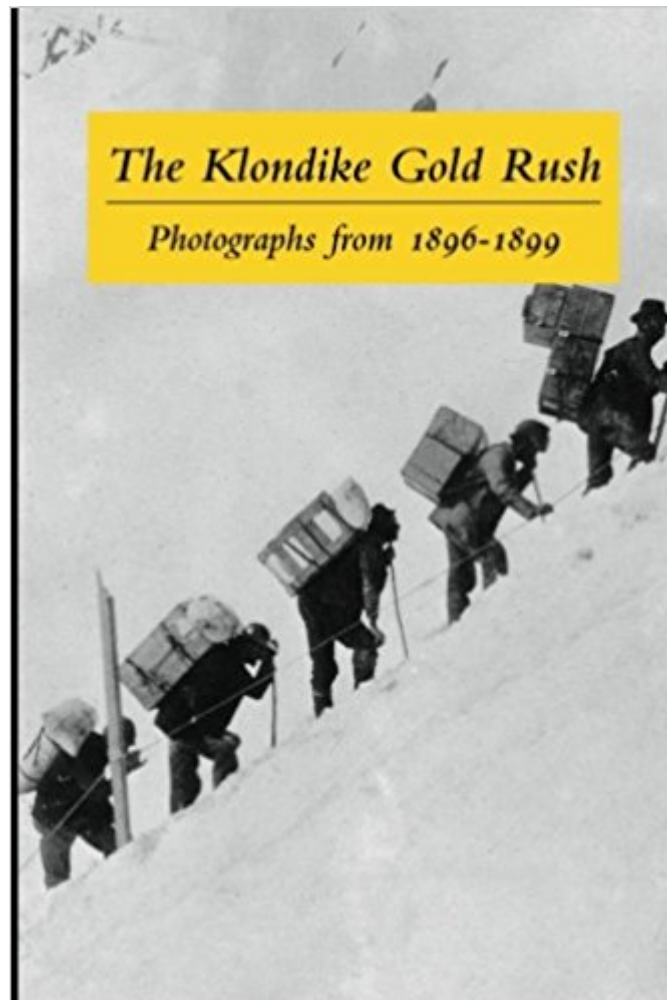




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The Klondike Gold Rush: Photographs From 1896-1899



Synopsis

Catch gold fever with this comprehensive collection of archival photographs. This is the mother lode of the north - a stunning record of the last great gold rush. With 125 extraordinary images along with fascinating anecdotes and personal accounts, this book reveals the arduous journey north, the frontier towns and the struggles of toiling in the gold fields. Readers will encounter intriguing characters as they experience the adventure of a lifetime. From conmen and prospectors to dog sleds and sluic-boxes, these images are a bonanza of gold rush history. This was the Official Book of the 1998 Klondike Gold Rush Centennial.

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Customer Reviews

Photos tell the true story of the gold rush's reality The Can-Can girls were out and Mrs. Lowe's laundry was in. That basically sums up the idea Graham Wilson had when he chose the period photographs for The Klondike Gold Rush: Photographs from 1896-1899. After rushing supplies off Lynn Canal's tidal flats, climbing the 50-kilometer Chilkoot Trail several times and boating down the Yukon River, a miner still needed his laundry done. So the photo of Mrs. G.I. Lowe's laundry at Bonanza Creek (Mending free of Charge, Fortunes Told) more closely depicts the reality of the gold rush than the Can-Can dancers who now celebrate its centennial. To create an image-driven story that begins in Skagway, climbs the Chilkoot pass and finishes at Dawson City was the goal for the fledgling Wolf Creek Books Inc.'s first book. -- Judith Isbella, Time Colonist, Victoria, BC

The Klondike Gold Rush: Photographs from 1896-1899 is part of the 100th Anniversary Collection. This series includes The White Pass and Yukon Route Railway and the forthcoming book Paddlewheelers of Alaska and the Yukon.

I love reading about the Klondike Gold Rush. I know what it is like to function at -40, and to see pictures of greenhorns going into an unknown hostile environment "not knowing what they were getting into" is a history lesson all should see. All should read the required gear that the gold rushers had to carry over the Chilkoot Pass. White was no easier, even though the gear was not carried on their back. This book does an excellent job of bringing these hardships to life. My dream (bucket list) is to hike and boat the Klondike Trail from Skagway to Dawson City.

The things women did to get ahead one of the hardest routes to the Yukon.

Although small, it gives a clear insight to the atrocious conditions, the folly and determination of the 'stampedeers' in the Klondike during the great gold rush in 1898-1899. The text is very informative and overall it gave me a better insight to what they endured in the rush for wealth.

This is a great book because of the great photography and straight-forward easy reading. I have been looking for this type of book which covers this historical period with photographs which clearly reflect the difficult times experienced by the gold prospectors. It is highly recommended for anybody interested in photographic or Alaskan history.

This book compliments an all-weather book we also got through on The Klondike. You should consider a trip there soon...

I couldn't visualize just how men climbed with heavy packs. This little book explained how these brave men and women staked everything they had to search for gold in the Klondike.

This photographic essay makes a great companion piece to Pierre Berton's The Klondike Fever (1959), as the characters he describes are depicted in this book.

The pictures and commentary presented a graphic and compelling story of the Klondike Gold Rush. I enjoyed it thoroughly and highly recommend it to others interested in the phenomenon.

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