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Sterling Point Books®: Stampede For Gold: The Story Of The Klondike Rush



Synopsis

The Klondike gold rush, which occurred between 1896 and 1899, was one of the strangest outbreaks of gold fever ever to take place. With news of California's rush still fresh in their minds, thousands of men with get-rich-quick dreams hurried to stake out claims in the Yukon. But they did not count on the murderous weather or the severe mountain passes that protected the gold. Among those who came with high hopes were author Pierre Berton's parents; here, he presents vividly written, firsthand accounts of the gunfights, con men, avalanches, frostbite, and starvation people endured. It is an amazing and unforgettable true story of superhuman challenges, death-defying adventure, and lifelong friendships.

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Customer Reviews

We wanted a bit more information on the Alaska/Klondike Goldrush after taking an Alaska cruise. This book filled the bill. Just enough to answer the big questions and not enough to put you to sleep.

The book is an authentic and faithful chronicle of the four "Gold Rush" years (1896-1899). It's not a novel; it's a moving report of eyewitness' stories. While reading this book one may try to imagine the

extremes awaiting those men and women determined to get to the treasure. From an over hundred years perspective it is not easy to understand the hardships suffered and efforts required only to get close to their dream. Many never got even close to goldfields; many never returned; only a handful made fortunes. Before reading this book I perceived Chaplin's "The Gold Rush" only as a comedy. Now I know that if it was meant as a comedy, it was a very bitter one. The Klondike Quest: A Photographic Essay 1897-1899

I paid \$15 for this Audible download, to have on a 9 hour drive. Planning to visit the area of Alaska, I wanted to learn about the history. Boy, was I disappointed with this book. The writing level is at about 10th grade. The word "outfit" is heard about 25 times, while "wretched" occurs about 20 times. Aren't there alternatives? My biggest problem is the fantastical nature of the telling of these "tall tales." I'm just not sure they are historically accurate. Everything is the "biggest" "heaviest" "loudest" "first" etc. Absolutely no nuance. This causes the listener to be suspicious. The book is a boring chronological listing of facts (names/places/dates/stories) without much thought to the causes and effects. The narrator is fairly good, but did not add much to the telling.

You can learn a great deal from the courage of others. The Story of the Klondike Rush embraces the human spirit in all of us to explore, discover, learn, and instill the knowledge we've acquired into our own character. I really enjoyed reading about the never-ending resolve of those earlier Klondike adventurers to press on against all odds to succeed.

A fascinating insight into the characters and challenges they encountered. The prose is so descriptive that you feel as though you're in the Yukon.

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