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# HOMESTEADER'S HANDBOOK

Independent Living on the Last Frontier

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## Alaska Homesteader's Handbook: Independent Living on the Last Frontier



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An extraordinary compilation of practical information for living in one of the most impractical and inhospitable landscapes in the United States. Fifty photographs and 150 collection drawings illustrate the real-life encounters of Alaska settlers such as for example 1930s New Deal colonists, de-mobilized military who stayed after Globe War II, dream-seekers from the 60s and 70s, and myriad other people who staked their state in Alaska. Whether it be how exactly to live among bears, build an outhouse, cross a river, or make birch syrup, each story gives visitors a windows to a existence most will never understand but many still dream about. More than forty pioneer types ranging from their mid-nineties to mid- twenties describe their reasons for selecting to live their lives in Alaska and offer useful instructions and advice that made that existence more livable.



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Meet the old-time and current homesteaders who settled Alaska I read every book I could find in Alaska, and was happy to find this one among titles We didn't already own.. Some tales are about people who passed away within the last few years but resided in Alaska the majority of their lives. I appreciated reading about others encounters here, and reading more into homesteading. But all of the stories are full of hard-working, resourceful, tough people who have survived by their dedication and the Alaskan spirit. There are numerous maps in the book, showing where various homesteaders live, and each highlighted homesteader gives his / her own tips for living in Alaska - like how exactly to dress for below-zero temperatures, how exactly to care for sourdough, how exactly to identify edible berries, steps to make birch syrup, etc. Very thoughtfully compiled and created, this reserve will be of interest to Alaska residents in addition to those who might not have ever been to this great condition. I was very happy to recognize a few of the brands in the book from other books I've read or products I've used - Jim Helmericks (Arctic Hunter, We reside in Alaska), Lisa Frederic (Alaska's Golden Spoon sourdough), Leslie Leyland Areas (Surviving the Island of Grace), and Glen Alsworth (boy of Babe Alsworth of Richard Proenneke fame). This book is a quick read but one that any homesteader or fan of Alaska and her residents will enjoy. good read This is an excellent book if you don't live in Alaska and do not know something about living up here. For someone like myself who has been born and elevated here, its still a good reserve. Some are from young people who are currently living there. You'll get hooked there, and read right on through to How to Survive Alaskan Winters in a Tent. But factors like the sourdough, gold mining, and producing yourself a cold storage were nice information.. Excellent book I learned a lot about what is required to survive in the outback. But this reserve is great for letting you know what you ought to ask and the place to start.. Stories written by homesteaders and pioneers about how exactly they have survived the components and forged a existence in this raw, beautiful place. If you simply want a brief overview this is great nevertheless.... It's written with a separate chapter for every person or couple who have been homesteading in Alaska. Roberts and Jim Helmericks. Kris Capps clarifies with great humor in Chapter One. More approximately the people, their stories of how they finished up there. Many true stories. Fun! With all the current interest in anything Alaskan these days, I think this book is interesting and quite a fun read - an excellent gift. Or how exactly to dress for 50 below zero? Ever wonder how "two's a crowd" in a remote island? Or how to keep a moose out of your backyard? In a distinctive approach, Tricia Brown and Nancy Gates have gone to great lengths in finding a number of Alaskan characters, offering snippets of why and how they surely got to where they are, with details for solving some of their not-so-common issues with surviving in remote Alaska. Browse the articles on Leslie Leyland Areas, Ann D. not just a technical reserve on survival skills, but a good evening's browse if you like brief tall tales of adventure, in short two or three page lumps. Think living off the grid is usually hard if you have to start out a generator to temperature the oil for your vehicle - before going to work? I had a good time reading it, nonetheless it didn't make me wish to sell everything and move to Alaska, rather, I was Happy to understand that the prairie was a nice place to land simply by itself. Some chapter's I already knew quite nicely about, such as those darn moose attacking you broccoli and cauliflower, and outhouses.. You will though, better understand how folks do some of the crazy items they consider totally mundane within their every day lives in Alaska, and along the way meet real people simply living their lives. Each subject is split into 2-3 pages but not a whole of details is given. There have been photos and quality recipes and side-bars that really put into the stories.. I could learn more in a 30min bout of an Alaskan reality display! When I purchased this book, I was looking for additional information because we anticipate moving there to live in the

wilderness. Wonderful book We love this book, and have purchased nearly twelve copies to provide to your adult children and good friends.. I would suggest people read this book with the expectation of having to seek other sources for more comprehensive information on some topics. I believe it is an excellent book. A few of the diagrams weren't the clearest but I was able to get the idea. There were some pretty interesting stories within as well. Nearly a foxfire book, but you can get the taste of the publication. I believe the message was for me: Here are some successful stories of folks who survived, but be ready to work, because survival is totally up to you! Five Stars I really like this book. Made it an interesting read.. True stories This book listed and told stories of several folks that I'm well familiar with. Learned more watching Alaskan reality Television than i did so in this book :( The actual "handbook" facet of this book is only a small portion of the complete publication. Additionally, those portions are more vague than descriptive like I experienced anticipated/hoped for. It experienced like they spent more time offering a justification (their life story in 2-3 webpages each) on why the person should be offering the end rather than spending more time and information on the ideas themselves. I honestly don't feel like I walked apart with any additional understanding or insights. This publication is informative and great for beginning into Alaska living and homesteading. good for viewing others wunderlust.No, you won't be qualified to live in bush Alaska after finishing this book. If you simply want a brief history this is great however. Nothing new or educational The book has more stories than instruction. For instance, the part on field dressing a moose tells you to hang it up when feasible and keep meats clean, but no detailed instruction on gutting or processing. Photos and images are primitive. Very simple common sense advice with personal tales, that's it.



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