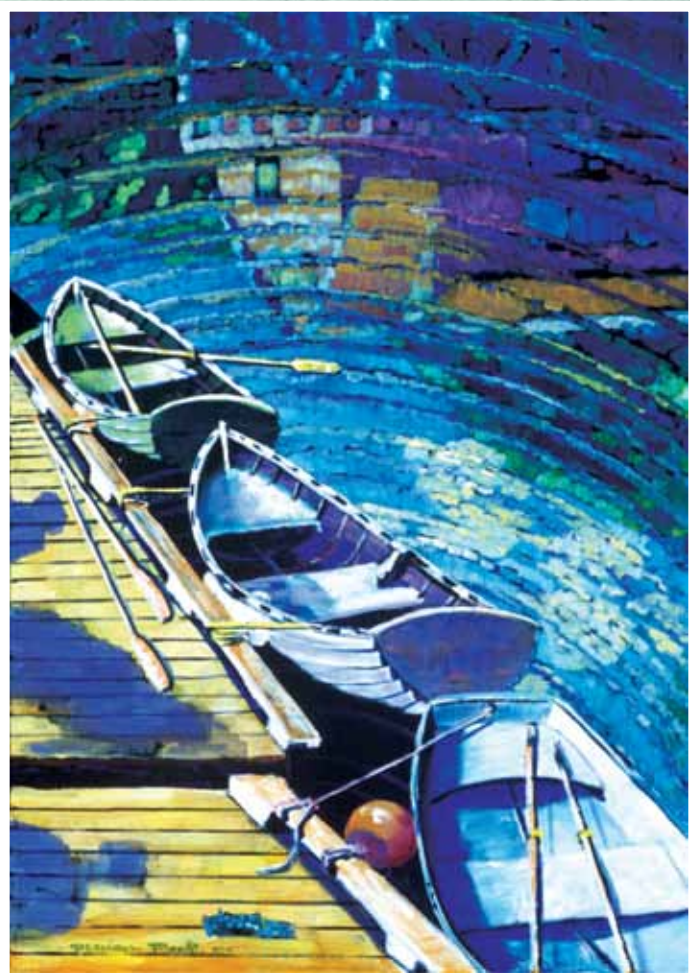


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"ROWBOATS," an alkyd oil painting by artist/chef Marian T. Beck illustrates the front cover of her *Salmon Patties & Rosehip Pie Cookbook: Art, Food, and the Coastal Life in Halibut Cove, Alaska*. Details, Page 8.

# New Releases



## WRITE HARD, DIE FREE Dispatches from the Battlefields and Barrooms of the Great Alaska Newspaper War Howard Weaver

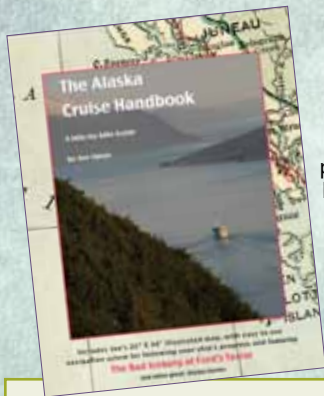
Howard Weaver advanced from foot soldier to field marshal in the Alaska Newspaper War, but he never left the fight. He spent time with small-town hoodlums and big-time politicians, crossed swords with Big Oil and Big Labor, and edited the *Anchorage Daily News* to the most unlikely David and Goliath upset in American journalism history and helped his newspaper win two Pulitzer Prizes along the way.

Weaver cared passionately and fought fiercely in every political struggle of his era, from oil development to Native sovereignty, from park land designations to environmental activism. He also found time to explore Anchorage's nightclubs and after-hours cardrooms, where people like Freddy the Fix and Put Your Hat On Brown were earning

places in Alaska's rogues' gallery.

The *Anchorage Daily News* pulled no punches in telling Alaska's story, and Weaver has pulled none in this account of a fierce, take-no-prisoners battle to the death between two newspapers.

**Memoir**, Epicenter Press, April 2012, paperback, 160 pages, 5½ x 8½, b&w photos, index, ISBN 978-1-935347-19-4, **\$14.95**



## New Edition—Revised THE ALASKA CRUISE HANDBOOK A Mile-by-Mile Guide Joe Upton

This extremely popular guide features in-depth sections on each port with many insightful stories about the people and the coast. The key to this book's enduring popularity is the lavish 22x34 fold-out map with a numbering system for ease of following your ship's position. New for 2012 are links to Joe's website where video/podcasts can be downloaded for iPhones, iPads, PDAs, etc

**Travel / Alaska**, Coastal Publishing, March 2012, paperback, 288 pages, 7 x 9, b&w and color photos, maps, index, ISBN 978-0-979491-566, **\$19.95**

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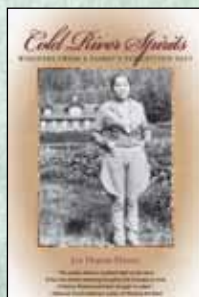
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"...A rich and sprawling portrait of ordinary people struggling to adapt to extraordinary changes without losing their souls, their culture—or their sense of humor."  
—Stan Jones, author of *Village of the Ghost Bears*

**New paperback edition**

## COLD RIVER SPIRITS Whispers from a Family's Forgotten Past Jan Harper-Haines



A wryly humorous and inspirational story about a proud Alaska Native family struggling to survive in two worlds. Sam and Louise Harper and their ten children make a soul-grinding transition into a modern white-dominated society where they face bigotry, poverty, and illness. Yet, Louise, the Athabaskan matriarch, remains in touch with centuries-old traditions of healing, honoring nature's spirits, and a belief that the spirits of all Athabascans one day will return to the waters of the Yukon River.

**Memoir**, Epicenter Press, April 2012, trade paperback, 192 pages, 5½ x 8½, b&w photos, ISBN 978-1-935347-15-6, **\$14.95**

# New Releases

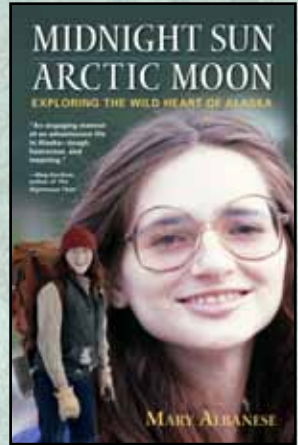
## MIDNIGHT SUN, ARCTIC MOON Exploring the Wild Heart of Alaska Mary Albanese

A young upstate New York woman strays away from her safe and conventional life, unable to resist the excitement and challenge of a chance to become a geological explorer in Alaska, where she maps remote wilderness areas and journeys to the depths of the human heart.

A memoir peopled with rich and eccentric characters full of human failings gives testimony to the courage and sacrifice of the author's "family" of visionary explorers who sacrificed so much to map the wild state. Surviving dangers most people never face, even in their nightmares, the author persists in the face of adversity and finds the thin threads of light among hardships and loss.

Framed against the backdrop of Alaska's raw beauty, it is an inspiring story of achievement and hope, told with gentle humor, compassionate grace, and above all, an abiding respect for America's final frontier.

**Memoir**, Epicenter Press, April 2012, Paperback, 160 pages, 5½ x 8½, b&w photos, ISBN 978-1-935347-17-0, **\$14.95**



## DEAD MAN'S DANCER The Mechele Linehan Story Tom Brennan

eichele Linehan was an attractive, well-educated soccer mom married to a doctor and living the good life in Olympia, Washington, when the police came knocking on her door in 2006. Mechele was arrested and then charged with plotting the cold-blooded murder a decade earlier of her fiancé, a fisherman she met while working as a stripper at the notorious Great Alaskan Bush Company saloon in Anchorage. Her friends and family were stunned and disbelieving. Did she do the crime?

**True Crime**, Epicenter Press, April 2012, trade paperback, 128 pages, 5½ x 8½, ISBN 978-1-935347-16-3, **\$12.95**

**SEE ALSO** *Murder at 40 Below*, ISBN 978-0-945397-99-1, **\$14.95**, and *Cold Crime*, ISBN 978-0-9745014-4-4, **\$14.95**. Details, page 17.



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Dear Bookseller

First and most important, thank you for your support this past year. We are grateful for the widening interest in our titles not only in Alaska, but throughout the region and country as well.

Last year, we integrated Epicenter Press Inc. ("Alaska Book Adventures"™) with our newer affiliated company, Aftershocks Media ("Good Books from Independent Publishers"), which provides trade distribution for other publishers. In our 2012 catalog, we have consolidated all front and backlist titles from the two companies.

See page 19 for more information about Epicenter Press [www.EpicenterPress.com](http://www.EpicenterPress.com) and Aftershocks Media [www.AftershocksMedia.com](http://www.AftershocksMedia.com). Here's hoping for good things in 2012!

Thank you.

Kent Sturgis  
Publisher

# New Releases

## SPLIT SECONDS

Four Decades of News Photography  
from the Pacific Northwest & Beyond  
Photography by Barry Sweet



This is a visual time capsule from photo-journalist Barry R. Sweet, who staffed thousands of assignments for the Associated Press throughout the Pacific Northwest—and often beyond—from the late 1960s through the turn of the century. His photographic contributions to regional history are measured in split seconds.

Through his viewfinder, Sweet witnessed momentous occasions, random tragedies, and a range of human emotions—grief, triumph, surprise, sadness, and joy. His subjects included adventurers, artists, astronauts, athletes, billionaires, criminals, diplomats, firefighters, geeks, governors, heroes, hippies, mountain-climbers, movie stars, musicians, police, presidents, rioters, soldiers, and sailors—to name a few!

**Photography / History-Regional**, Raleigh Press, April 2012, trade paperback, 160 pages, 9 x 9, b&w and color photos, index, ISBN 978-0-615-54736-7, **\$19.95**

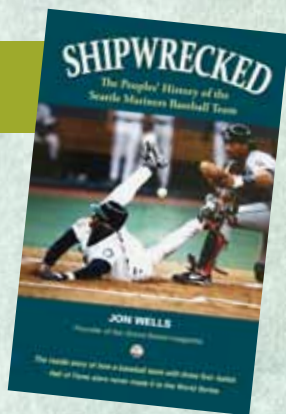
## SHIPWRECKED

A People's History of the Seattle Mariners  
Jon Wells

This is the curious tale of how poor management and shortsighted ownership combined to keep a promising baseball team with three first-ballot Hall of Fame players out of the World Series. But wait, there's hope! Will General Manager Jack Zduriencik turn this club around, as he did for the Milwaukee Brewers? Stay tuned.

Author Jon Wells is publisher of the *Grand Salami*, an independent magazine devoted to all things Mariner that has been a thorn in the backsides of the M's management for fifteen years.

**Sports / Baseball**, Epicenter Press, March 2012, paperback, 192 pages, 5½ x 8½, color photos, index, appendix, ISBN 978-1-935347-18-7, **\$14.95**

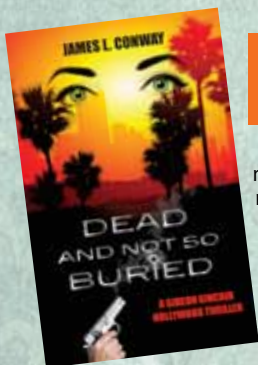


## DEAD AND NOT SO BURIED

A Gideon Kincaid Hollywood Thriller  
James L. Conway

Hollywood is rocked after a madman kidnaps the remains of one of the most idolized movie stars of the 1960s, then uses extortion, blackmail, and murder to extract his revenge. Caught in the middle is PI Gideon Kincaid, an ex-cop with a troubled past who is led on a harrowing roller coaster ride through sun- and sin-drenched Hollywood.

**Fiction / Mystery**, Camel Press, February 2012, trade paperback, 338 pages, 5 x 8, ISBN 978-1-60381-866-7, **\$15.95**



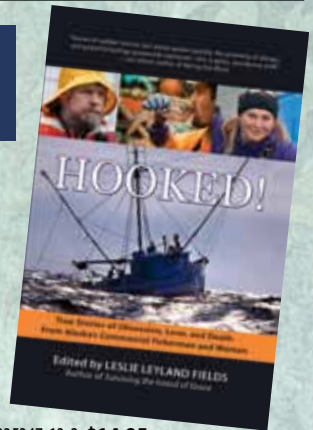
# Recent Releases

## HOOKED!

**True Stories of Obsession, Death, and Love  
from Alaska's Commercial Fishermen and Women**  
Edited by Leslie Leyland Fields

The rousing sea stories are all here—the dramas of near-death battles, the sickening tragedy of lovers, and friends lost to the waters—but this is not the whole story. This collection represents a much wider view of Alaska fishing—not just the dying, but the living; not just the obsessive doing of fishing, but the passionate being as well. Readers will understand why so many are unwilling or unable to leave this uncommon life.

The 15 fisher-writers included Moe Bowstern, Michael Crowley, Wendy Erd, Leslie Leyland Fields, Naphtali Fields, Erin Fristad, Joel Gay, Sig Hansen, Mary Jacobs, Nancy Lord, Marta Sutro, Toby Sullivan, Joe Upton, Spike Walker, Shannon Zellerhoff.



**Nonfiction / Anthology**, Epicenter Press, trade paperback, 5½ x 8½, 160 pages, ISBN 978-1-935347-13-2, **\$14.95**

**SEE ALSO** Fields's memoir, *Surviving the Island of Grace: A Life on the Wild Edge of America*, ISBN 978-0-9800825-9-3, **\$17.95**. See order form.



"... the drama and hair-raising adventures of life aboard a crab vessel." —*Fisherman's News*

### BERING SEA BLUES

*A Crabber's Tale of Fear in the Icy North.* Joe Upton

A white-knuckle memoir of winter crab fishing in Alaska—fighting exhaustion, fierce storms, and monster waves.

**Memoir**, Epicenter Press, trade paperback, 5½ x 8½, 336 pages, index, ISBN 978-1-935347-11-8, **\$17.95**

**SEE ALSO** Upton's PNBA award-winning memoir, *Alaska Blues*, ISBN 978-0-9790470-9-1, **\$14.95**

"[Lael Morgan] writes about people history forgot to mention." —Velma Wallis, author *Two Old Women and Raising Ourselves*

### ESKIMO STAR

*From the Tundra to Tinseltown The Ray Mala Story.* Lael Morgan

This is the inspirational and tragic story of Ray Wise Mala, a 27-year-old Inupiat Eskimo who overcame racial discrimination to become a movie star in Hollywood.



**Biography / Native American**, Epicenter Press, trade paperback, 8½ x 8½, 144 pages, b&w and color photos, movie posters, filmography, index, ISBN 978-1-935347-12-5, **\$19.95**

**SEE ALSO** Morgan's award-winning *Good Time Girls of the Alaska Yukon Gold Rush*, ISBN 978-0-945397-76-2, **\$17.95**. Details, p. 10.

### Mom's Choice Award

**TORN: True Stories of Kids, Career & the Conflict of Modern Motherhood.** Edited by Samantha Walravens.

Seeking a balance between career and motherhood, 47 women explore the conflict between the need to nurture and the need to work and reveal creative solutions for having the best of both worlds.

### Nonfiction / anthology,

Coffeetown Press, trade paperback,

268 pages, 6 x 9, ISBN 978-1-60381-097-5, **\$18.95**



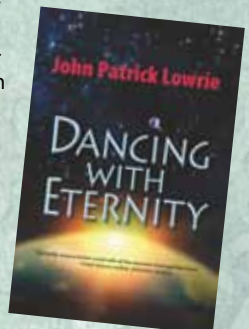
### DANCING WITH ETERNITY

John Patrick Lowrie

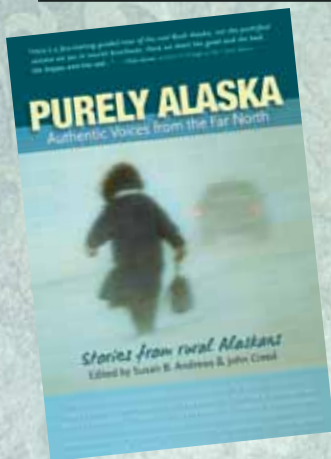
A 40th Century drifter follows a beautiful woman across the galaxy in this funny and thought-provoking novel that challenges our traditional beliefs about love, sex, immortality, and spirituality.

**Science Fiction**, Camel Press, trade paperback, 416 pages, 6 x 9,

ISBN 978-1-60381-810-0, **\$17.95**



# Anthologies & Story Collections



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Foreword Magazine Book Award, 2011  
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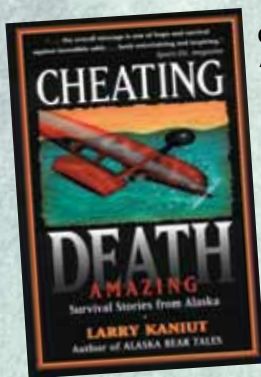
"Here's a fascinating guided tour of the real Bush Alaska, not the prettified version we see in tourist brochures." — Stan Jones, author of *Village of the Ghost Bears*

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Authentic Voices from the Far North  
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This rich anthology offers a rare and candid insider's look at the everyday business of living off the land and waterways in America's most remote state. Included are 32 stories as diverse and far flung as Alaska itself.

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Gloria Sampson  
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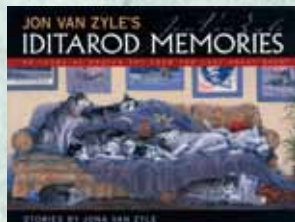
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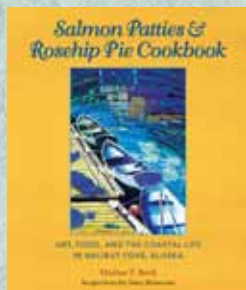
Bloch Publishing, trade paperback, 132 pages, 7 x 9, ISBN 978-0-615-41857-5, **\$18.95**



# Cookbooks

## SALMON PATTIES & ROSEHIP PIE COOKBOOK

Art, Food, and the Coastal Life in Halibut Cove, Alaska  
Marian T. Beck



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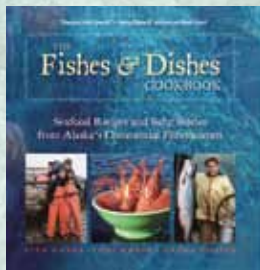
fish out the front door, gather their own coal from the beach, and go clamming in the dark of night when winter's minus tides fall.

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Seafood Recipes & Salty Stories from Alaska's Commercial Fisherwomen  
Kiyo Marsh, Tomi Marsh, Laura Cooper



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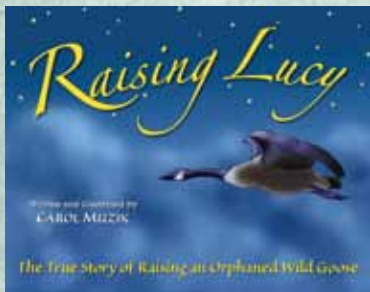


**WHAT REAL ALASKANS EAT: *Not your Ordinary Cookbook.*** J. Stephen Lay.

An unusual recipe book that will entertain and delight while causing your mouth to water...well, MOST of the time.

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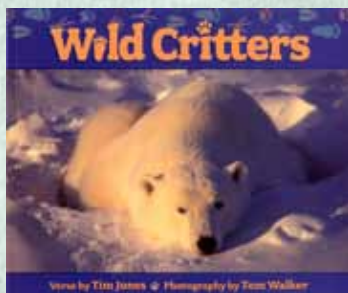
### RAISING LUCY

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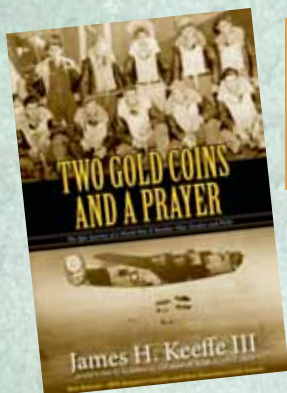
Suitable for children 5-9



**WILD CRITTERS** *A Read-Aloud Book for Children & Grown-Ups,* verse by Tim Jones, wildlife photography by Tom Walker

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Appell Publishing, trade paperback, 500 pages, 6 x 9, 150 b&w photos, maps,  
ISBN 978-0-984360-00-0, **\$24.95**

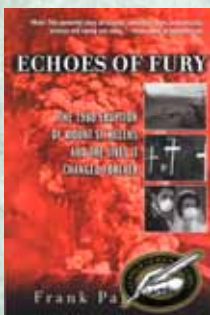
## SUNKEN KLONDIKE GOLD

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Leonard H. Delano

When the 240-foot *SS Islander* hit an iceberg just 12 miles from Juneau, the pride of the Canadian Pacific fleet quickly sank. Sixty-five of the 176 passengers and crew were lost. Gold worth \$3 million was rumored to have been aboard, yet for 36 years the vessel lay out of reach in 350 feet of water until a house mover from Seattle proposed a bold salvage plan

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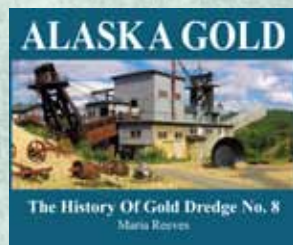
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**CHARACTER & CHARACTERS**  
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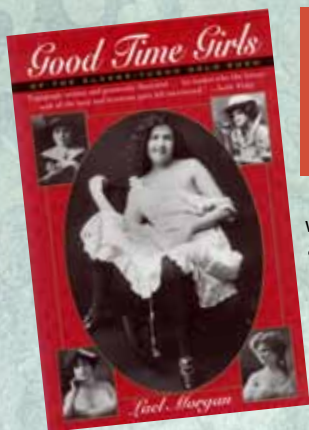
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# History



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## GOOD TIME GIRLS OF THE ALASKA-YUKON GOLD RUSH A Secret History of the Far North Lael Morgan

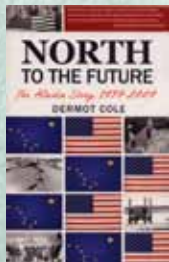
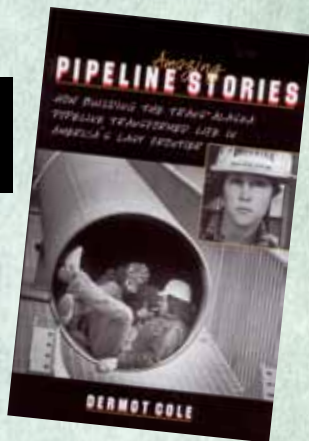
In the boomtowns of the Alaska-Yukon stampedes, where gold dust was common currency, the rarest commodity was an attractive woman, and her company could be costly. An award-winning historian explores the “half world” of prostitutes, dance-hall girls, and entertainers who lived on the outskirts of polite society.

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With the avalanche of big money and new arrivals that followed construction of the trans-Alaska pipeline in the 1970s came new problems—drugs, prostitution, gambling, and violent crime. Rapid economic and social changes ultimately touched the lives of virtually every Alaskan.

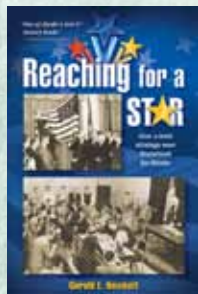
Epicenter Press, trade paperback, 224 pages, b&w photos, index, ISBN 978-0-945397-46-5, **\$14.95**



## NORTH TO THE FUTURE *The Alaska Story, 1959-2009* Dermot Cole

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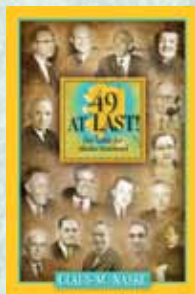


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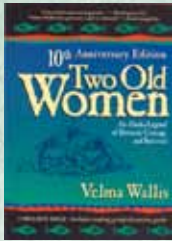
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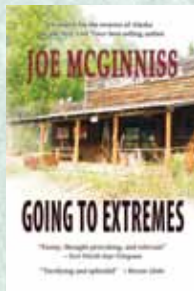


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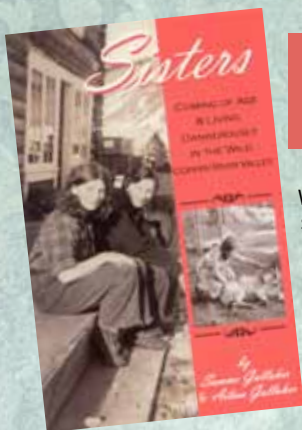
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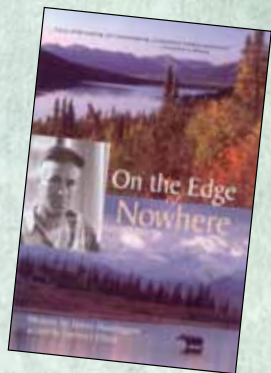
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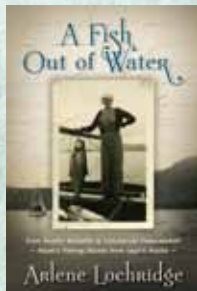


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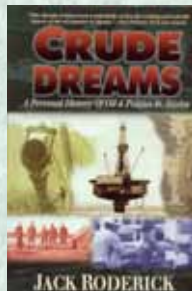


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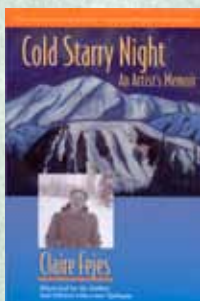
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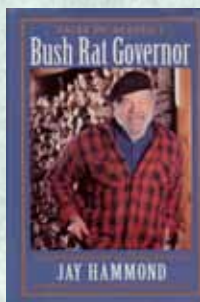


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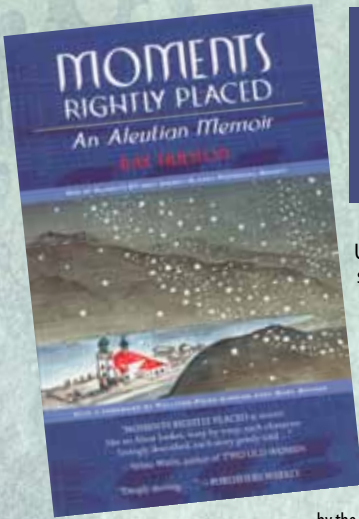
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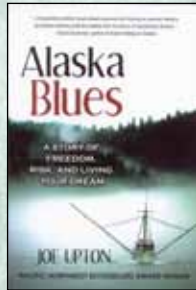
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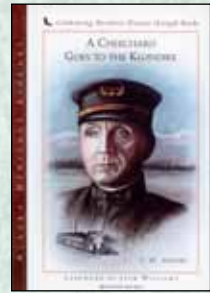
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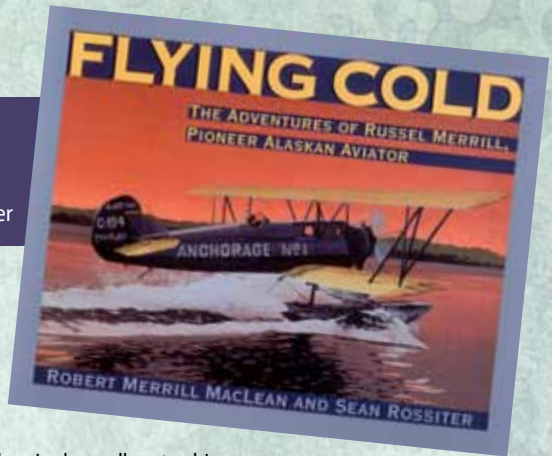
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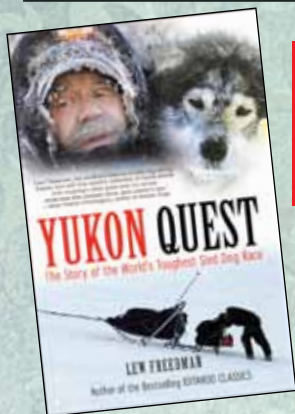
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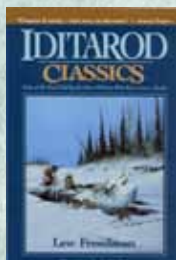


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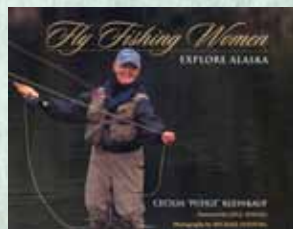
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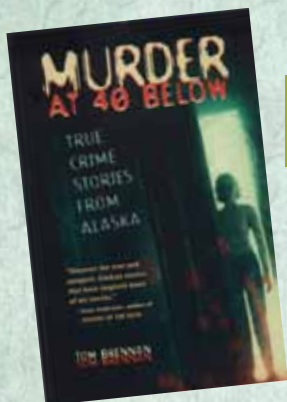
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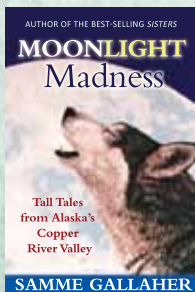
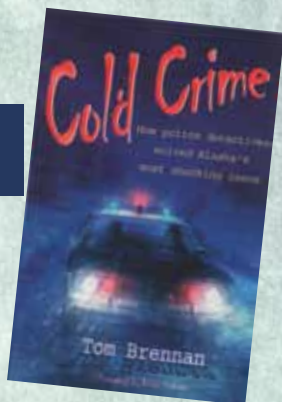
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