North Of 53: The Wild Days Of The Alaska-Yukon Mining Frontier, 1870-1914

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Alaska is a U.S. state in the northwest extremity of the United States West Coast, just across the Bering Strait from Asia. The Canadian province of British Columbia and territory of Yukon border the state to the east and southeast. Its most extreme western part is Attu Island, and it has a maritime border with Russia (Chukotka Autonomous Okrug) to the west across the Bering Strait. To the north are the Chukchi and Beaufort seas’ southern parts of the Arctic Ocean. The Pacific Ocean lies to the south North of 53°: The Wild Days of the Alaska-Yukon Mining Frontier, 1870-1914. Article. Jan 1976. J am hist. William R. Hunt. “Saints and sinners, whores and housewives, swindlers and laborers alike attempted a hasty adjustment to novel conditions in a land that seemed strange and forbidding,” writes William R. Hunt in his narrative history of Alaska mining. Hunt has hiked and mined many of the same claims he writes about in the book, and North of 53 offers a rare glimpse into far-flung communities from Skagway to the Yukon to the deep interior of Alaska to the Ididarod and Nome on the Bering Sea. View. Show abstract.
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Hunt chronicles 40 colorful years of Alaskan booms and depressions, from the first prospectors, the Klondike and Nome stampedes, through the later gold discoveries in Fairbanks and smaller settlements. He also includes a chapter on the literary frontier: Jack London with his brute men and human animals, balladeer Robert Service ("The Shooting of Dan McGrew," "The Cremation of Sam McGee"), and Rex Beach (The Spoilers). But the glory of the north was as much in the small people as the more extravagant swindlers and big winners. Hunt pans the whole area with a fine eye for paydirt in simple pick-and-spade gold seekers, and in the romantic yearnings of desolation’s hopefuls. You can write a book review and share your experiences. Other readers will always be interested in your opinion of the books you’ve read. Whether you’ve loved the book or not, if you give your honest and detailed thoughts then people will find new books that are right for them.

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