



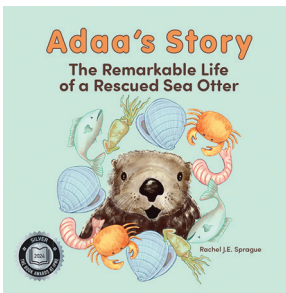
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## Books from Fathom Publishing

Fathom Publishing Company specializes in books about Alaska. We launched in 1981 in Cordova. Today Fathom publishes a broad range of fiction and non-fiction, including memoirs, biographies, and children's fiction and activity books. Fathom pays personal attention to our authors' works and to offering booksellers a unique range of Alaskan and North Country books.

### Alaska Children's Books



#### Adaa's Story: The Remarkable Life of a Rescued Sea Otter

Rachel JE Sprague

A beautifully illustrated story of kindness.

Adaa began life as an orphaned sea otter in remote Alaska. Through a chain of kindness, he was rescued then cared for by the Alaska SeaLife Center and the Oregon Coast Aquarium, before relocating permanently to the Seattle Aquarium. Adaa's Story follows his journey as he grows up, enjoys life with friends, and starts a new chain of kindness. Teacher's guide and printable activities available.

Awards: 2024 Eric Hoffer Finalist, 2025 IPNE Finalist

Reading age: 3-9 years  
Grade level: K-6  
8" x 8", 32 pages  
978-1954896215  
Paperback \$14.99



#### Adventures of Papa and Peanut

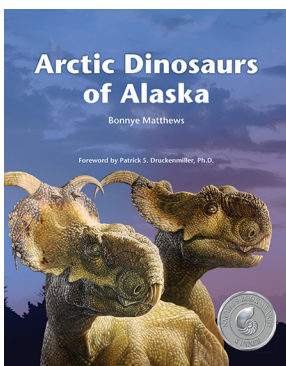
Danté Shalia Elkins

The special bond between a little girl and her grandfather in Utqiagvik, Alaska.

When a little girl named Peanut wants a day with her Papa, all she has to do is pick up the phone. Papa can't possibly say no to such an invitation, and so their day of fun begins. Snowball fights, crafts, and warm hugs make a day with Papa very special.

Inspired by the author's own daughter and her Papa.

Reading age: 3-9 years  
Grade level: K-6  
8" x 8", 32 pages  
978-1954896338  
Paperback \$12.99



#### Arctic Dinosaurs of Alaska

Bonnys Matthews

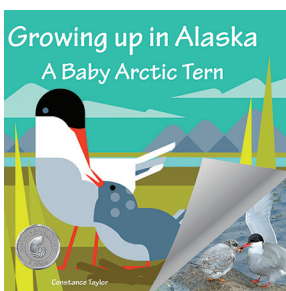
Journey back in time when dinosaurs left footprints in the Arctic snow.

Seventy million years ago, dinosaurs lived on the North Slope of Alaska. Pakky, a young Pachyrhinosaurus, experiences her first sunless winter and learns about ice and snow. She discovers the wonders of the yearly cycle of life and migration, and learns that even though the time of light gives way to the time of dark, light always comes back again. Illustrations designed for coloring.

Includes facts and educational games. Teacher's guide and printable activities also available.

Awards: Nautilus 2023 Silver, Royal Dragonfly 2022 Honorable Mention

Reading age: 7-12 years  
Grade level: 4-6  
8" x 10", 122 pages  
978-1-954896000  
Paperback \$17.99



#### Growing up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern

Constance Taylor

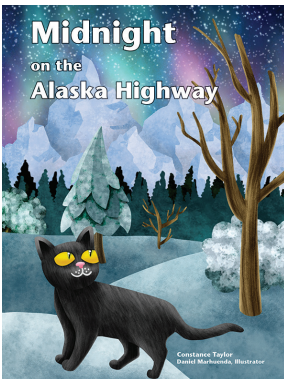
A photographic story of a baby Arctic Tern as he hatches and learns to fly.

A baby tern has so much to learn: how to eat, how to swim, and how to care for his feathers. But, his greatest wish is to fly. After many days of practice, trial and failure, he gains the joy of flying with his parents. A delightful and educational story. Free downloadable teacher's guide and educational activities available.

Awards: 2019 Eric Hoffer, 2019 Nautilus Book Silver, 2019 Feathered Quill Bronze, 2019 Reader Views Literary, 2019 Independent Publisher Book Silver

Reading age: 1-12 years  
Grade level: K-6  
8" x 8", 36 pages  
978-1888215762  
Paperback \$14.99

## Alaska Children's Books



### Midnight on the Alaska Highway

Constance Taylor

A cat's remarkable journey to Alaska based on true events.

When a black cat named Midnight takes a car trip on the Alaska Highway, she experiences lots of new things and finds plenty of adventure along the highway.

From snowy days and northern lights to being lost in the wilderness along the highway, Midnight experiences the remote north before returning to her California home with an unusual story to tell about her travel adventures in this full-color graphic story for children.

Reading age: children & up  
6" x 9", 30 pages  
978-1954896109  
Paperback \$9.99



### Sik-Sik's Summer: An Arctic Ground Squirrel Tale

Constance Taylor & Wendy Kenny

A photographic story of an Arctic Ground Squirrel's summer in Alaska.

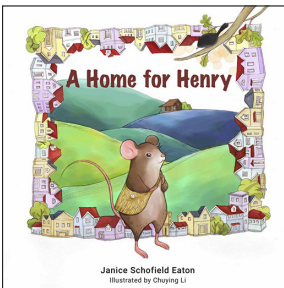
Sik-Sik woke up from her long hibernation as the snow melted on the alpine tundra. The mountains bloomed, spring turned to summer, and Sik-Sik kept busy until fall came again. Children and adults alike will enjoy the photographs and story which create a fun and educational book.

Downloadable teacher's guide and educational activities available.

Awards: Next Generation Indie Book Awards 2023 Finalist Children's Ed.

Reading age: 3-12 years  
Grade level: K-6  
8" x 8", 36 pages  
978-1954896178  
Paperback \$14.99

## General Children's Books



### A Home for Henry

Janice J. Schofield

A read-aloud bedtime tale about a young mouse who heads out into the world to find his own home.

This storybook is filled with catchy rhymes, delightful pictures, and the game of 'finding the crow' who appears on every page. Enjoy reading it with your children, and join Henry as he sets out to find a home, encountering many challenges along the way. How he handles his problems is a life lesson for kids of all ages.

Reading age: 3-6 years  
8.27" x 8.27", 34 pages  
978-1981258260  
Paperback \$12.99



### Luna's Star

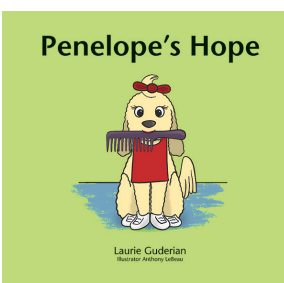
Sheamus Adair

Soar with one ambitious little owl as she reaches for the stars.

A little owl named Luna is told that she can be anything she wants to be, and she takes it to heart. In this sweet story about dreaming big, Luna flies higher than any other owl. As Luna pursues her dream she learns what matters most of all.

Awards: 2021 Pinnacle Book Achievement Award for Best Books in Children's Interest, 2021 Purple Dragonfly Book Award, and the 2021 NYC Big Book Award Children's-Fiction.

Reading age: 3-9 years  
Grade level: K-6  
8.5" x 8.5", 32 pages  
978-1888215410  
Paperback \$14.99



### Penelope's Hope

Laurie Guderian

A sweet story about a little dog with a big dream.

Penelope was no ordinary dog. She loved to play at the park and fetch the mail, but she also learned to talk and read. She had big hopes for her future. Ever since she was a pup, she wanted to be a Groomer – a People Groomer. *Penelope's Hope* is about never giving up on your dreams, even if they turn out a little different than what you first imagined.

Reading age: 3-6 years  
Grade level: K-4  
8" x 8", 20 pages  
978-1888215380  
Paperback \$9.99



## Alaska Activity & Coloring Books



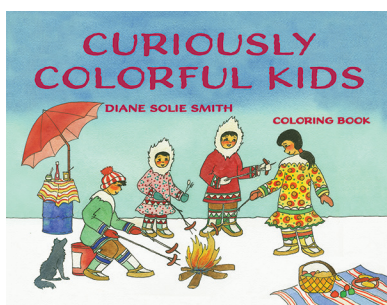
### Coloring Cordova

Michael C. Anderson

Coloring book and guide to Cordova activities and surroundings.

Hand-drawn sketches by Cordova artist Mike Anderson feature the town and Prince William Sound's beautiful scenery. His art highlights the many activities that make up life in Cordova, Alaska. Descriptions, interesting facts, and a Copper River Delta map make the book both fun and educational. Appeals to tourists and Alaskans both young and old

Reading age: children and up  
11" x 8.5", 36 pages  
978-1954896062  
Paperback \$16.99



### Curiously Colorful Kids

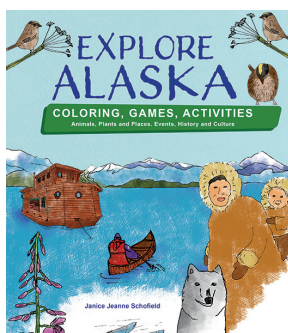
Diane Solie Smith

Coloring book with original watercolors of Northern kids at play.

Fifteen of artist Diane Solie Smith's original watercolor paintings of Northern kids alongside line drawings that can be colored.

Diane lived in the remote town of Atlin, British Columbia, and was known for painting the beautiful scenery of the region. Later in life, she painted this series of watercolors of "her kids" as she affectionately called them. Many of these works have never been released until now.

Reading age: children and up  
8.5" x 11", 36 pages  
978-1954896710  
Paperback \$15.99



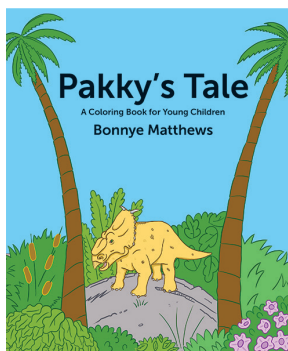
### Explore Alaska: Coloring, Games, Activities

Janice J. Schofield

Fun-filled, fact-packed Alaskan activity book for the whole family.

Discover Alaska's plants, places, animals, history, and cultures. Join Sourdough and Grandmother for insights into animal biology and Native life. The rhyming text helps your little ones with language learning, and the prose deepens knowledge of Alaska's diversity. Find must-see places to visit: bird sanctuaries and local festivals to Alaskan mud volcanoes. Tourists, Alaskans, kids, and elders find hours of entertainment with one hundred pages of coloring, drawing exercises, games, fun facts, and quizzes. Guaranteed to keep kids busy and learning.

Reading age: children and up  
8.5" x 11", 106 pages  
978-0473540746  
Paperback \$16.99



### Pakky's Tale, An Arctic Dinosaur Story

Bonnye Matthews

A coloring and activity book for young children.

A long time ago, at the very top of the world, dinosaurs lived and left foot prints in the Arctic snow. This is the story of one young dinosaur named Pakky and her first year. From the day she hatched, there was so much to learn about her world: the difference between summer and winter, rain and snow, light and dark. With her mother and her brother Ranny by her side, she learned about hope and the cycles of life.

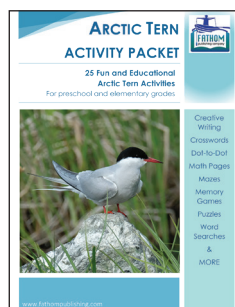
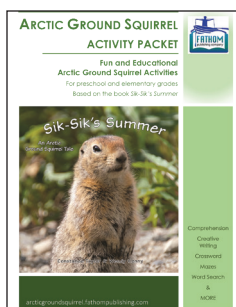
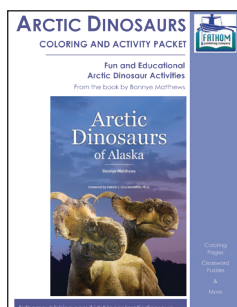
Illustrations are designed for coloring.

Includes fun activity pages.

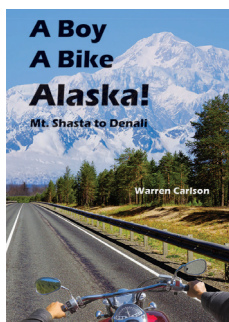
Reading age: 4-8 years  
Grade level: K-5  
8" x 10", 36 pages  
978-1954896192  
Paperback \$12.99

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## Alaska Middle Grade and Young Adult Books



### A Boy A Bike Alaska!

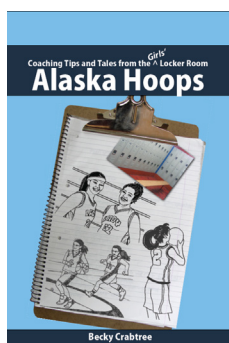
Warren Carlson

This coming-of-age novel is the story of a young man's motorcycle trip to Alaska.

The day after his high school graduation in Mt. Shasta City, California, Jack Iverson set off for Alaska and a job at a fishing lodge near Denali National Park.

His ride was a Honda Shadow, and his journey was 3,242 miles through rugged and beautiful terrain. As he travels the Alaska Highway and works in Alaska, Jack's encounters with people, nature, life, and death are all part of his greater journey from youth to adulthood.

Reading age: Teen and up  
6" x 9", 110 pages  
978-1954896079  
Paperback \$14.99



### Alaska Hoops

#### Coaching Tips and Tales from the Girls' Locker Room

Becky Crabtree

Coach Becky's fond memories of coaching girls' basketball in rural Alaska.

Lighthearted collection of true stories from her two decades of coaching basketball on the North Slope of Alaska. With humor and unguarded respect for the culture, Coach Becky takes you inside the mind of a high school basketball coach in a place where basketball is more than just a game.

**Review:** An outstanding job of capturing the moment and sharing it through her personal basketball experiences in rural Alaskan villages. – Aimee Romeijn-Boen, Sheridan College All-American.

Reading age: Teen and up  
6.14" x 9.21", 98 pages  
978-1888215113  
Paperback \$11.95



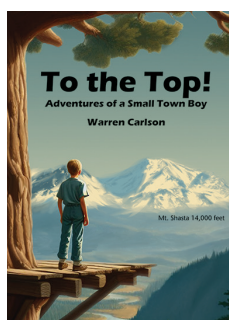
### Murphy and the Mystery of the Black Skull

Bradford D. Smith

An exciting tale of pirates, buried treasure, and dark family secrets.

Nobody believes Murphy saw a pirate ship in the channel in front of his home one stormy night, but Murphy knows what he saw and is determined to solve the mystery. He sets off with his dog Hogan and his reluctant cousin Katrina to untangle a curious web of lies and buried treasure. Their quest quickly turns dangerous as they clash with a ruthless villain and his gang of pirates on the streets and waterways of Juneau, Alaska.

Reading age: Teen and up  
5.5" x 8.25", 196 pages  
978-1954896963  
Paperback \$14.99



### To the Top!

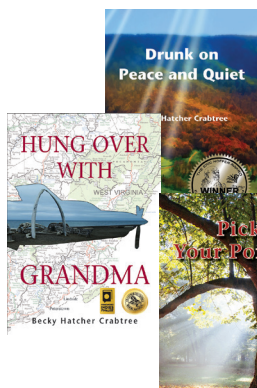
Warren Carlson

A boy discovers an adventurous spirit in this prequel to *A Boy A Bike Alaska!*

Jack Iverson loved to read exciting books, but the summer before eighth grade, it was time to start having some real-life adventures. From building projects like a makeshift pool and a tree fort in the woods, to climbing Mt. Shasta with his mom, life was never dull. He spent the night alone in the woods, rescued his friend from a flood, got to know the new girl next door, and even helped catch a thief. It was a year he would never forget.

Reading age: Pre-teen & up  
6" x 9", 156 pages  
978-1954896659  
Paperback \$14.99

## Fiction with an Alaskan side



### Stella & Jonas Series

Becky Hatcher Crabtree

*Drunk on Peace and Quiet* introduces Stella living on her mountain in West Virginia and her developing love story with Jonas, an Alaskan Inupiaq man.

*Hungover with Grandma* brings the story to Barrow (now Utqiagvik), Alaska, for a honeymoon trip to meet Jonas' family.

*Pick Your Poison* concludes the series in West Virginia where the couple now lives with Jonas' mother.

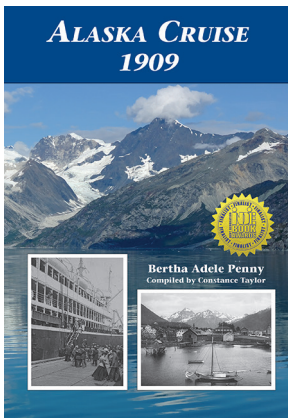
**Awards:** *Drunk on Peace and Quiet*, 2016 Eric Hoffer Award Honorable Mention

*Hungover with Grandma*, 2017 Feathered Quill Book Awards Best Woman's Fiction Gold

*Pick Your Poison*, 2019 Feathered Quill Book Awards Romance Bronze Third Place.

Reading age: Teen and up  
5.5" x 8.5",  
200+ pages each  
Paperback \$18.99 each





## Alaska Cruise 1909

Bertha Adele Penny and Constance Taylor, Compiler

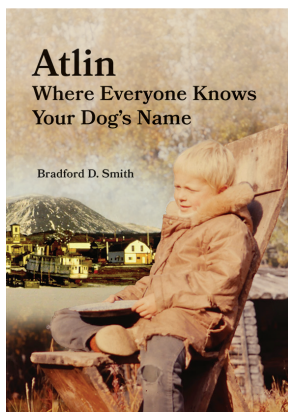
**A captivating journey to Alaska aboard the Steamer Northwestern in 1909.**

This story, re-discovered after 100 years, was written by Bertha Adele Penny as she shared her personal experience of a cruise taken by newspaper editors at the end of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition of 1909. It is a delightful piece of Americana, told in the voice of turn-of-the-century America, full of humor and poignant beauty.

The story comes to life with vintage photographs, newspaper clippings, and an appendix of articles written by others who shared the grand adventure to Alaska's cities, glaciers, mines, and farmlands.

**Awards:** 2021 Next Generation Indie Book Award Finalist Memoirs Historical/Legacy,  
2021 Kops-Fetherling Book Awards Gold.

Reading age: Teen and up  
6.69" x 9.61", 84 pages  
978-1888215793  
Paperback \$14.99



## Atlin Where Everyone Knows Your Dog's Name

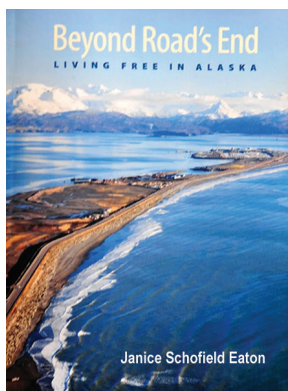
Bradford D. Smith

**The story of a boy and the Northern wilderness town that raised him.**

With natural story-telling ease and wit, Brad tells his story of growing up in an isolated, northern gold rush town, surrounded by his family's many huskies and malamutes. Hunting, fishing, trapping, and mushing were all part of everyday life in Atlin, BC. His Atlin childhood was an innocent time when imagination was king, and the wilderness was a playground. From exploring and swimming in the summer to hooky bobbing, skating, and curling in winter, Brad and his buddies knew how to have lots of fun.

**Review:** ... a glimpse into the life and history of a caring community who worked together to accomplish unimaginable feats. It honors the hardworking, fun-loving men and women of Atlin, B.C.  
– Terry Milos, author of *North of Familiar*.

Reading age: Teen and up  
6.14" x 9.21", 382 pages  
978-1888215816  
Paperback \$25.99



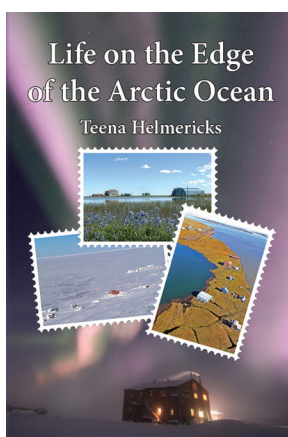
## Beyond Road's End: Living Free in Alaska

Janice J. Schofield

**Together they fell in love with the heartbreakingly beautiful landscape of the Far North.** *Beyond Road's End* offers a welcome escape from crowded cubicles and the fumes of freeway gridlock as readers tag along with Janice and Ed on their journey to build a new life on their own terms in rural Alaska. This adventurous couple came to Alaska from New Hampshire with dreams of living richly in the wilderness on ten dollars a day. Ed brought his experience as a builder, and Janice brought her New England work ethic.

Part love story, part adventure, and part natural history, this book is a touching memoir of carving out a life in the wilderness, building a log house, and living life to its fullest.

Reading age: Teen and up  
6" x 9", 391 pages  
978-0882407548  
Paperback \$18.95



## Life on the Edge of the Arctic Ocean

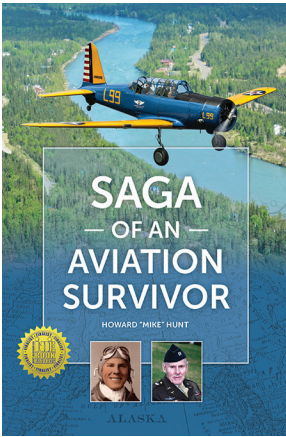
Teena Helmericks

**Living on an island on the edge of the Arctic Ocean for over sixty years.**

Teena Helmericks is a frontier woman who thrived along the edge of the Arctic coast of Alaska on an island in the Colville River Delta where the river meets the Arctic Ocean. She lived with her family on a three-generation homesite as her life progressed from extreme remoteness to modern homes and many neighbors. An amazing saga of a frontier-homestead lifestyle of hard work, adventures, struggles, and joys in the harsh but beautiful wilderness of Alaska's northern coast.

**Review:** ... will be a favorite for readers who love stories about unconventional people and frontier living. The 'round-the-kitchen-table-style' retelling of her life story allows Helmericks to really connect with readers, creating a connection through the page and endearing herself and her family quickly. A fantastic choice for your next read! – Reader Views

Reading age: Teen and up  
6.14" x 9.21", 290 pages  
978-1954896246  
Paperback \$23.99



## Saga of an Aviation Survivor

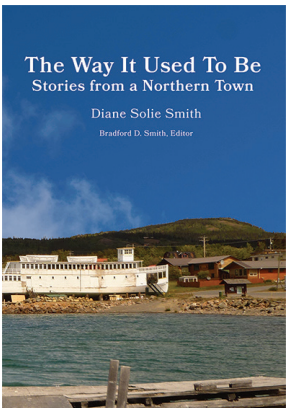
Howard John "Mike" Hunt

The World War II pilot who became an Alaskan aviation pioneer.

Hunt was a dynamic "can do" man who grew up in the cornfields of Iowa. His remarkable life was full of adventures from his wartime experiences, to Alaska bush pilot escapades, to homesteading and gold mining. His love of flying took him around the world as an Army Air Corps pilot, flying every kind of plane in the army's inventory, including the Memphis Belle B-17. After the war ended, Hunt and a small group of World War II veterans obtained surplus military airplanes and started a non-scheduled airline in Alaska named Air Transport Associates.

Award: Next Generation Indie Book Awards 2023 Finalist.

Reading age: Teen and up  
7" x 10" 226 pages  
978-1888215847  
Paperback \$21.99



## The Way it Used to Be

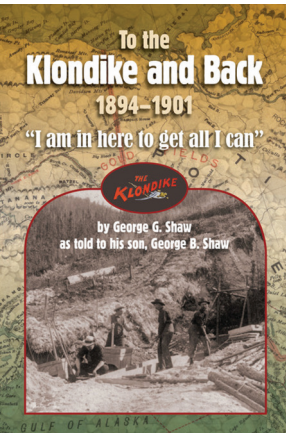
Diane Solie Smith

A collection of stories and images about life in a northern town.

Diane Solie Smith was a writer and artist who published stories about life in the northern town she called home. From animal stories like the porcupine who stalked a dog and a Malamute who drove the family car, to heartwarming tales about what made her town unique, her stories are as beautiful as her art.

This collection of stories, originally published in the 1970s in the *Atlin News Miner* in Atlin, British Columbia, was compiled by her son, Bradford Davis Smith.

Reading age: Teen and up  
6.14" x 9.21", 120 pages  
978-1954896673  
Paperback \$15.99



## To the Klondike and Back

George G. Shaw

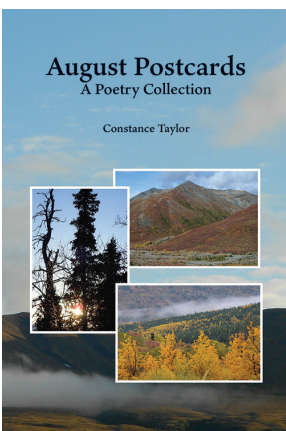
"There is money in it all right and I am in here to get all I can."

Adventurous 22-year-old George G. Shaw was determined to strike it rich in the Klondike gold fields. He headed west from Vermont in 1894 to Seattle, then on to Alaska and the Yukon Territory. Shaw braved the perils of wilderness travel – an unforgiving mountain pass, treacherous whitewater – finally arriving in raucous Dawson City. In the Klondike, mining for gold challenged Shaw's confidence and resourcefulness.

Shaw returned home after his seven-year sojourn with some money in his pockets and memories to last a lifetime. Over the years, he savored and shared the vivid recollections of his personal experiences as a gold miner and traveler with his son, who wrote them down and compiled them into a manuscript.

Reading age: Teen and up  
5.9" x 9", 194 pages  
978-1884592652  
Paperback \$19.95

## Poetry



## August Postcards

Constance Taylor

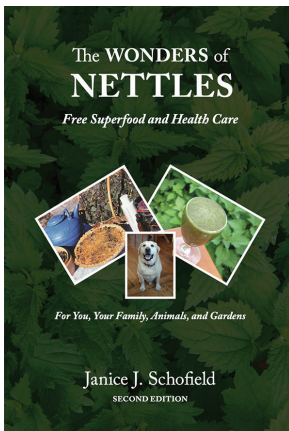
A poetry collection from an Alaskan poet.

August Postcards is a collection of observations and reflections on nature and life, sprinkled with humor and cats, by an Alaskan poet.

Constance is a long-time Alaskan beginning with her years as a commercial fisherman in 1966-88 in Prince William Sound. She is now an Anchorage publisher. These thirty-one poems were first shared with the Poetry Postcard Fest participants during the 2024 season.

Reading age: Teen and up  
6" x 9", 40 pages  
978-1888215892  
Paperback \$9.99





## The Wonders of Nettle

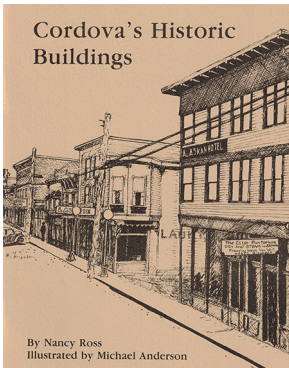
Janice J. Schofield

Stinging nettles are abundant in Alaska and are a superfood and healthcare aid for you, your pets, and your gardens.

Stinging nettles are found on all continents (except Antarctica). These wild plants are despised by many but revered by the wise. Nettles contain every nutrient from A to Zinc. *The Wonders of Nettle* is the product of forty years of using nettles and sharing them with others. Nettle (nettle pesto) and nettle tea are two of Janice's foundational health practices.

- identify nettles and gather them safely for use in the kitchen for delicious, nutritious creations
- use nettles to boost your immune system, enhance health and beauty
- use nettles for feeding dogs, cats, birds, and livestock
- use nettles for garden health, native butterfly survival, and more

Reading age: Teen and up  
5" x 8", 219 pages  
978-0473575533  
Paperback \$28.99



## Cordova's Historic Buildings

Nancy Ross

History and illustrations of the oldest buildings in Cordova, Alaska.

In 1900, when one of the world's richest copper lodes was discovered in Alaska's Wrangell Mountains, Eyak was a fishing village of about 200 people between Odiak Slough and Eyak Lake. The activity set off by the discovery changed the little community forever. The construction of the railroad to the copper mines drew hundreds to the little community of Eyak and it was soon bursting at the seams. A new townsite named Cordova, after the bay it overlooked, was laid out. Lots were sold at auction in May 1908. The town thrived and its promoters unabashedly predicted it would become "the 'Frisco of the North."

Reading age: Teen and up  
5.75" x 8.75", 27 pages  
978-0960735815  
Paperback \$6.99

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## The Grizzly Who Couldn't Fish

Michael Miller



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## Alaska's Early Railroads

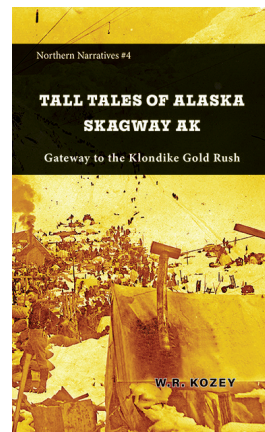
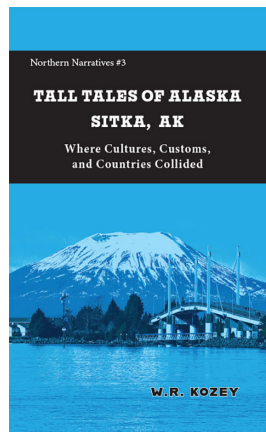
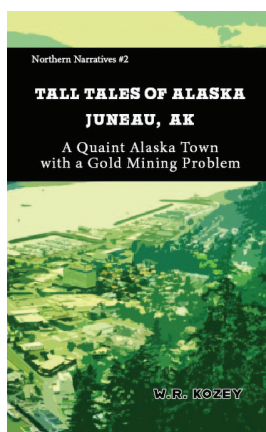
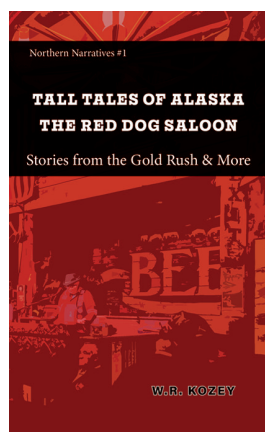
Gabe Emerson



## Northern Narrative Series: Tall Tales of Alaska

W.R. Kozey

Embark on a captivating and often humorous journey through Alaska's rich history with a master storyteller. Experience the rowdy gold rush days, visit some of the state's iconic landmarks, and explore the last frontier like never before.



**Tall Tales of Alaska**  
Reading age: Teen and up  
4.25" x 7" 96 pages  
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