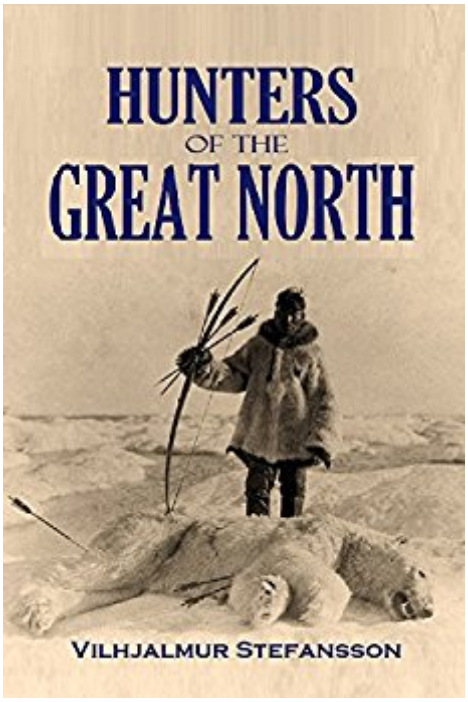
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Vilhjalmur Stefansson (1879 Ã¢â ¬â œ 1962), of North Dakota, was an arctic explorer and ethnologist. Because of his studies of the Eskimos, his discoveries of land, the application of new ideas and new methods of exploration, Stefansson was considered the foremost polar explorer of his day, and one of the few great explorers of all time.During a period of three or four years Mr. Stefansson has produced a creditable list of books about the Arctic. In some respects his service in publishing the results of his Northern studies has differed from that of earlier explorers. He has challenged our preconceptions about the Arctic. Ã¢â ¬Å“Hunters of the Great NorthÃ¢â ¬Â• gives details of Northern life such as have doubtless come within the experience of all Arctic explorers, but which are new to the average American reader. In short, it is an elementary text-book of the Arctic.Stefansson lived among the Eskimos of the Mackenzie River, studying their language and adopting their mode of life, and spending ten winters and thirteen summers in the polar regions. Among Stefannson's most famous discovery was that of a race of blond Eskimo on Coronation Gulf. Stefansson writes: "In the present book I have tried by means of diaries and memory to go back to the vivid impressions of my first year among the Eskimos for the story of what I saw and heard."In describing his confrontation with a polar bear, Stefansson writes:Ã¢â ¬Å“I heard behind me a noise like the spitting of a cat or the hiss of a goose. I looked back and saw, about twenty feet away and almost above me, a polar bear. I had overestimated the bear's distance from shore, and had passed the spot where he lay. From his eye and attitude, as well as the story his trail told afterward there was no doubting his intentions: the hiss was merely his way of saying, "Watch me do it!" Or at least that is how I interpreted it; possibly the motive was chivalry, and the hiss was his way of saying Garde!Ã¢â ¬Â•ContentsI. PREPARATIONS FOR A LIFEWORK OF EXPLORATIONII. DOWN THE MACKENZIE RIVER THROUGH 2000 MILES OF INDIAN COUNTRYIII. FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THE ESKIMOSIV. CAPTAIN KLINKENBERGÃ¢â ¬â •SEA WOLF AND DISCOVERERV. THE WHALING FLEET SAILS AWAYVI. LEARNING TO LIVE AS AN ESKIMOÃ¢â ¬â •ON A DIET OF FISH WITHOUT SALTVII. HOW AN ESKIMO SAILED THROUGH THE STORMVIII. AN AUTUMN JOURNEY THROUGH ARCTIC MOUNTAINSIX. THE SUN GOES AWAY FOR THE WINTERX. LOST IN THE MACKENZIE DELTAXI. AN ARCTIC CHRISTMAS WITH AN ENGLISH COUNTRY GENTLEMANXII. THE LIFE AT TUKTUYAKTOKXIII. LEARNING TO BUILD A SNOWHOUSE AND TO BE COMFORTABLE IN ONEXIV. TRAVELS AFTER THE SUN CAME BACKXV. WE GO IN SEARCH OF OUR OWN EXPEDITIONXVI. A SPRING JOURNEY IN AN ESKIMO SKIN BOATXVII. A RACE OVER THE ARCTIC MOUNTAINS IN SUMMERXVIII. ON A RAFT DOWN THE PORCUPINE RIVERSHORT STORIES OF ADVENTUREI. HOW I LEARNED TO HUNT

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