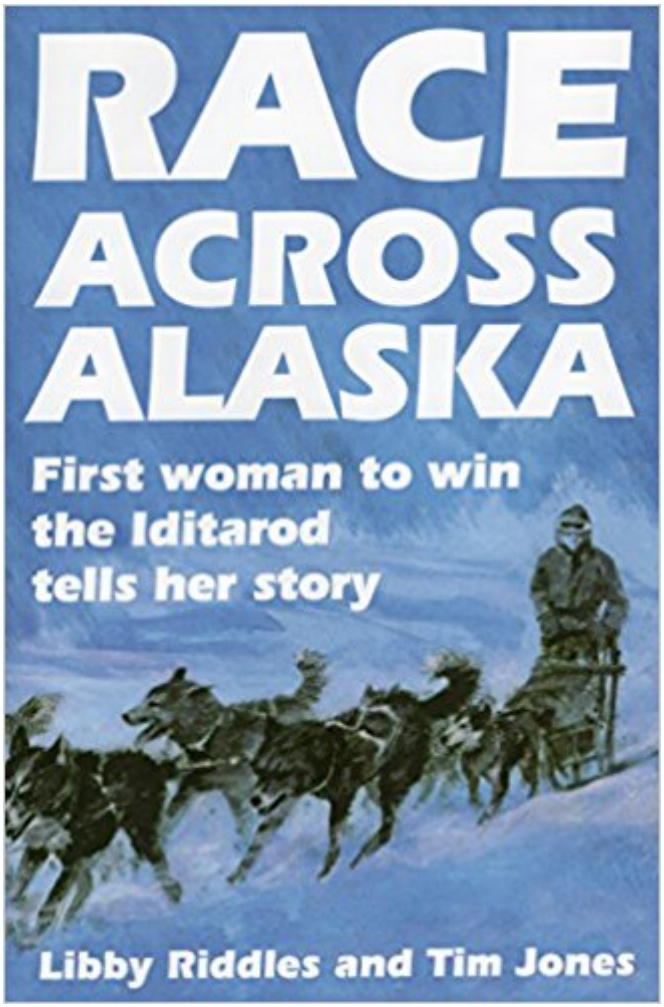
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Customer Reviews

Born in Wisconsin, Riddles was 16 when she moved to Alaska in 1972. After working at various odd jobs and becoming involved in sled dog racing, in 1985 she entered the "Iditarod," a grueling sled-dog marathon on the Iditarod Trail from Anchorage to Nome. Nineteen days and 1200 miles later, she emerged from a raging blizzard and crossed the finish line to become the first woman to win this race. This fast-paced description of her bout against both the elements and veteran competitors generates electrical excitement. Former newspaper editor Jones (the Chicago Tribune and the Wall Street Journal, among others) contributes short background articles covering trail history, fabric booties that protect the dogs' feet, checkpoint procedures, etc. There are 11 black-and-white photos and maps at the beginning of each chapter showing Riddles's daily position. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Libby Riddles and Tim Jones

Not only was Libby the first female winner of the Iditarod, but she succeeded as a good story writer. One feels she takes you along with her through this challenging and grueling journey. She is one tough gal, but her compassion toward her dog team shows. Even though she is tired and faces many obstacles, she still takes the time to rest her dogs, feed them, and tend to them to be sure they are not being driven beyond their capabilities. I strongly recommend this book as many of us are not aware of this tough, gritty breed of individuals not afraid to get out there and do what seems unimaginable.

Great story. I like the style of the book, with narrative by the author along with the telling of the 'story'. I purchased this copy because we needed to return the one we read to a friend.

Libby was an inspiration to women all over the world when she won the "last great race" in 1985. This book is told through her eyes, as she goes down the Iditarod trail. I read it preparing to go see the Iditarod start. It helped me understand the mindset of these amazing (slightly nutty) mushers.I enjoyed the description of each leg of the race. It almost makes you want to find your own team and hit the trail. I also liked the information she shares about Iditarod rules (warming food, foot care, equipment) and the people at the checkpoints. I had heard mushers are the "rock stars" of Alaska, and from all the support they get on the trail, they may be.One thing that I've heard about Libby from other sources is that she took exceptional care of her dogs. All mushers do, but she went above and beyond, and the book goes into detail. You really get to see what super stars these little guys are, and I felt how proud she was when they crossed the finish.If you liked this one, readÃ Â Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod. It's more humorous, but also gives great insight to the race.

A great story of the difficulty of running the Iditarod. Libby tells of her adventure and it was a good read.

Libby Riddle gave a good talk on her Iditarod experiences when we were on an Alaska cruise in 2012. I bought a book and she signed it for me. Another lady we know had an interest in the race, and in dogs. We bought a copy and gave it to that lady as a present and she also loved the book.

My wife and I attended her recent talk aboard the Princess Line and I bought her book on Kindle. After meeting her it made her story more personal. She is a great story teller as well as a public

speaker. We very much enjoyed her talk and I really enjoyed the book.ThanksJim Burnsjamestburns@att.net

Ms. Riddles book, with the added date in the clever lay-out of the pages, is a wonderful read.I came out of it feeling like I'd not only gotten a rich experience of her life-risking and record making Race across Alaska,but a much deeper appreciation and understanding of what every Iditarod racer has taken on.A wonderful read.

Loved this book. I couldn't put it down. I loved all the stories of the Trail and felt like I had a great glimpse into the heart and mind of one of the world's most famous dog sled racers.

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