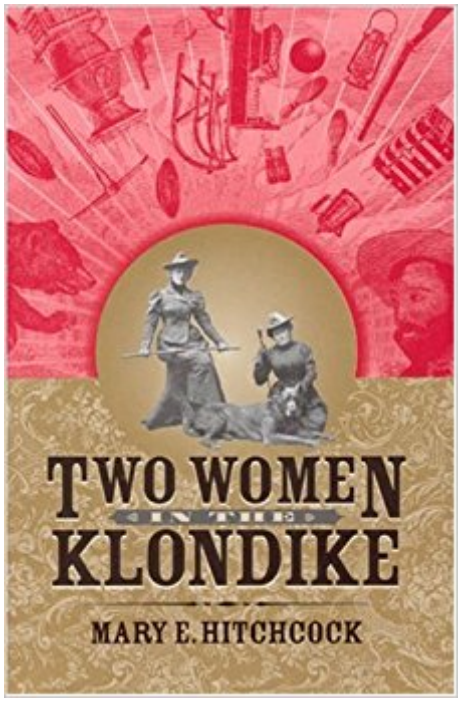
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Synopsis

Two Women in the Klondike created a sensation when it was first published in 1899. The idea that two well-bred socialites could survive the dangers of the north thrilled nineteenth-century readers from San Francisco to New York.When Mary Hitchcock heard about the discovery of gold in the Klondike in 1898, she left her privileged city life for the wilds of Alaska, planning to stake her own claims. She persuaded her friend Edith Van Buren to accompany her, and the two began preparations for "roughing it." The "necessities" that they brought up the Yukon River to Dawson City, Canada, included a portable bowling alley, an ice cream maker, a Great Dane named Ivan, and a full-size circus tent.Hitchcock relates the struggles, surprises, and pleasures of traveling in the late nineteenth century in her trademark style. She describes in diary form the people she met and her impressions of rural Alaska and Dawson City. Invaluable for its detailed descriptions of manners, food, and personalities, Hitchcock’s account of the Klondike Gold Rush is an outrageous adventure for general readers, armchair travelers, and anyone interested in the lives of American women in the late 1800s.This new, abridged version includes a map of Hitchcock’s northern travels and an introduction by Terrence Cole, professor of history at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.
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Customer Reviews

Wilderness advocate and forester Robert Marshall was born in New York on January 2, 1901. He graduated from the College of Forestry at Syracuse University in 1924, earned a master’s degree at

Harvard University on 1925, and a Ph.D. at the John Hopkins Laboratory of Plant Physiology in 1930.Ã Â Marshall began his professional career on the staff of the U.S. Forest Service in 1925 as a junior forester as the Northern Rocky Mountain Forest Experiment Station. In 1933 Marshall became the head forester of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and in 1937 the Chief of the Division of Recreation and Lands for the U.S. Forest Service. In addition to Arctic Village, he was the author of The People's Forests (1933),Ã Â Alaska Wilderness (published posthumously in 1956), and numerous influential articles and government reports on wilderness and forestry. He was well known for his long distance hiking trips and his outspoken support of the need to perserve wilderness. As one of the founding members of the Wilderness Society in 1935, he was for many years its major financial contributor.Ã Â Robert Marshall died of heart failure at age 38 on November 11, 1939, while asleep on a train from New York to Washington. Shortly afterwards the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area in Montana of nearly one million acres was named in his honor. As Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes said at the time of Marshall's death, "The wilderness areas he worked so hard to perpetuate reamin as his monuments."

A fascinating tale of two society women in the 1890's going on a decidedly unorthodox adventure.

I have an extensive collection of women in the west, mining, migration, etc. as that is where my focus for my degree was. This is a great addition to my reference library.

Mary E. Hitchcock's TWO WOMEN IN THE KLONDIKE was originally published in 1899 and tells of how two socialites survived the North. While it's a memoir, its lively writing and insights come with all the drama of fiction as it tells how the author heard of the discovery of gold in the Klondike in 1898, leaving privileged city life for Alaska to find her own fortune. She brought with her the basics of civilization - including a portable bowling alley, an ice cream maker, a Great Dane and a full-sized circus tent: hers is a lively, compelling saga indeed.

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