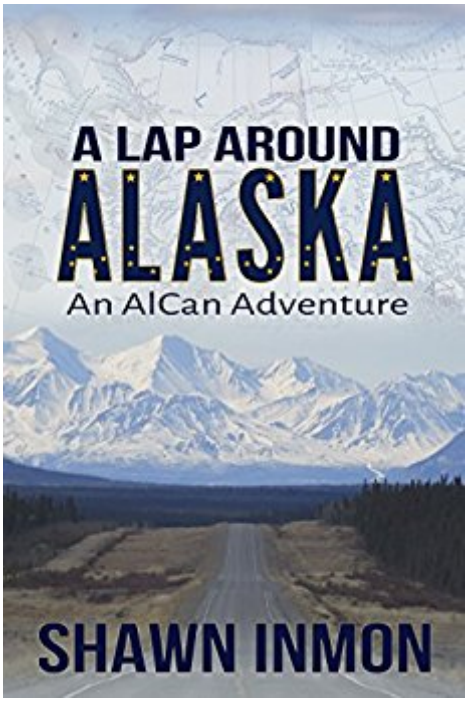
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A Lap Around Alaska: An AlCan Adventure



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Synopsis

If you dream of packing up your four-wheeler, your snow boots and camera, and setting off to explore the wilderness, A Lap Around Alaska will give you a rare glimpse into the Land of the Midnight Sun, of moose, bear, and bald eagles, of monumental glaciers and scenery so staggering it brings tears to your eyes.Find out what it’s really like to cross 1,400 miles of the Alaskan Highway and travel some of the loneliest and most spectacular parts of America and Canada, all without leaving your easy chair. Join author Shawn Inmon and his twenty year old Subaru Outback on his epic solo road trip through British Columbia, Yukon, and Alaska. Part personal odyssey, part travel memoir, take an expedition into one of North AmericaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s last remaining wildernesses.If you hunger for untouched beauty and want to experience the majesty of the pristine North for yourselfÃ¢â ¬â •Shawn saved the passenger seat just for you. This book also includes two bonus memoirs of life in Alaska in the 1970sÃ¢â ¬â •My First Alaskan Summer and My Matanuska Summer.

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Customer Reviews

I loved this book. I will be honest. Before I opened this book, I already had it in my head that it was going to be boring. But I had read Shawn's other books so I figured I could power through it. However, to my great surprise, the book drew me in immediately and I ended up finishing it less than 24 his after I started.I think the reason for this is because Shawn doesn't just talk about where he started and where he ended each day. He is a master storyteller and knows how to weave in anecdotes that complement the story he is trying to tell. There were a few times I laughed out loud as I was reading.I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys reading a good story. You won't regret it.

Shawn's wife, Dawn, got lucky this time. She got to stay home. This is an entertaining read, and of course, Shawn takes us to places that are of questionable interest to the rest of the world, but it does open our eyes to the things that we might drive by every day and pay no attention to. I've been to Alaska many, many times, and did not have the opportunity to see any of the things that Shawn saw on this trip. Excellent to see them through his eyes and pictures. Interesting what happens when you stop and smell the graveyards. The two bonus memoirs are great as well!

I was given a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. However I choose to support all my favorite authors by purchasing a copy. For all the wonderful hours of entertainment they give to me.Shawn writes with a touch of humor and a gift not many share. As usual, he has another hit.Having traveled the Al-Can Highway in 2002, he brought back memories I'd forgotten, and shared new things that were not yet thought of on our journey there.You will enjoy pictures of the stunning beauty of the great state of Alaska, as well as British Columbia, Canada and the Yukon Territory. Ride along, the adventure begins here.Share in the venture of seeing majestic mountains, wild, wide open spaces, awesome creations, and beautiful animals.This book was written from a personal point of view. With thoughts, feelings and insights. I loved reading about the people he met. The places he saw, where only a 4 x 4 could go. He opened my mind, I could picture being there, seeing what he saw.I can honestly say there isn't anything I didn't like about this book. At times I felt I was spying on the author's personal life. That gave it a real human touch.The pictures alone tell a story. Pick this up and ride with Shawn on your own adventure. It will make you want to start packing your bags and plan your own adventure on the great Al-Can highway.

Another great book from Shawn Inmon. When writing this book as he did with "A Lap Around

America" you really feel like you are sitting in the car enjoying the trip.I also enjoyed hearing his reflections on his past trips to Alaska and how he sees it now.Shawn is a great writer, but I think he is at his best when writing non-fiction.With all the pictures, which I loved, there wasn't space for a map but that would have been nice to see his "lap" on a map.Read this if you want to know about the "non-commercial" Alaska, you get to read about parts of Alaska and Canada you probably won't see on the Travel Channel but you should

If you ever plan to make a trip in Alaska, I would strongly advise you read this book. You will be prepared for the changes in culture and temperatures so they will not surprise you unpleasantly, you will be able to enjoy them as Shawn Inmon did. He is forever open to new vistas, and the many beautiful photos in this book show the variety of scenery and wildlife that his keen eyes grabbed for us. As he describes them I actually feel like tasting the pureness of the air, feeling the pricking of the cold on my skin.Then there are different sights out of the ordinary, and there are the special Alaska people that Shawn describes with interest and affection. Had I not read his daily blog posts during the trip, I might have been more amazed. Still I would never have seen the sign post for the Arctic Circle (among other things) if not for this book, so I am real grateful.

Following in his earlier footsteps, Shawn takes us north this time in a large loop around America's largest state: Alaska. Even traversing a road or two that you may have even seen on the series, "Ice Road Truckers," Shawn gets off the beaten path to discover the awesome natural beauty of our 50th state. Complete with a healthy compliment of great pictures, Shawn takes us day-by-day, mile-by-mile as he discovers the wonders of Alaska and her people. During the trip he reminisces of several teenage summers spent with his older brother doing commercial fishing, and re-visits the place to drink in the familiar sights from those times. While I am not usually a fan of non-fiction for leisure reading, I have to admit that Shawn's tales held me every bit as riveted as a grand galactic challenge in my favorite Sci-Fi literature. This book is well worth your time to download and indulge in!

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