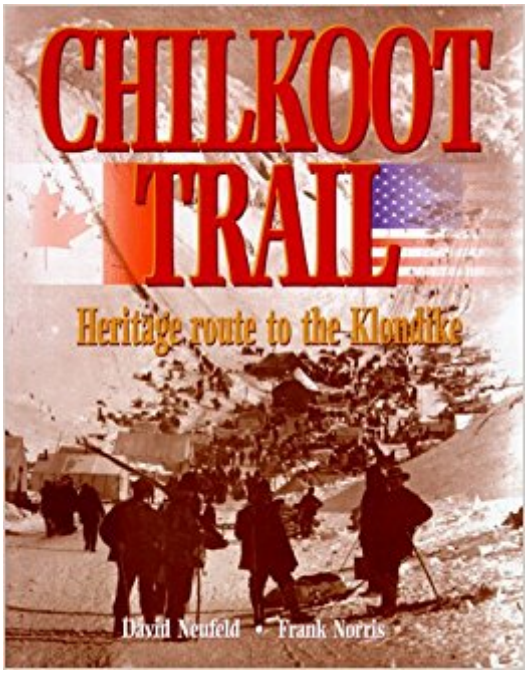
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Synopsis

In 1896, gold was discovered in the Yukon’s Klondike. To get there, stampeders hiked the legendary Chilkoot Trail, packing their gear almost straight up and over a formidable mountain pass linking the Alaskan coast and the Yukon interior. Thousands of gold-fevered stampeders attempted the perilous journey in the depths of a northern winter. Not all of them made it. Now historians from Parks Canada and U.S. National Park Service have co-authored a well illustrated, in-depth look at the dramatic history of what is now an international historic site and popular recreational trail. Chilkoot Trail, Heritage route to the Klondike, looks past the gold rush to its origins as an important trade route thousands of years ago, and examines First Nations use of the area today. A timely volume, published in the 100th year after gold was discovered in the Klondike.

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Customer Reviews

"Chilkoot Trail has some of the earmarks of a coffee table volume. The book averages more than a photograph per page There are also scores of sidebar stories. But Chilkoot Trail should not be confused with a superficial tourist-oriented publication. The authors have mined the best primary and secondary sources, including park studies normally inaccessible to the general public, and have carefully provided the requisite citations. Their account goes well beyond the "gee whiz" elements of the stampede. This history connects the reader well to the experiences of a mass of people "urged by the arch-tempter--Gold" and to the lives of those who used this place before and after the two years for which the Chilkoot Trail is famous. It is a solid history, and a good example of providing the public with information which too often languishes in obscure official government histories." The

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The ordeal of the Chilkoot Trail has become symbolic of the hardships endured by thousands of gold-seekers during their long journey north to the Yukon's Klondike in 1897-1898. A fascinating event in the history of both Canada and the United States, the stampede over the Chilkoot has raised interest in two other aspects of this remarkable piece of geography its outstanding natural beauty and its centuries-old significance as a First Nations trading route and homeland. In "Chilkoot Trail, Heritage Route to the Kondike," two historians one from each side of the border give readers the feeling of what life was like on the trail before, during and after the great Klondike gold rush.

Lots of of historical pictures and maps (some maps are hand-drawn) with relevant captions along with a lot of informative narrative.I just got back from a trip to Alaska and took the White Pass Railroad train trip from Skagway to Carcross. When I returned home, I ordered this book and two other Chilkoot Trail books based on that venture. This is easily the best of the three. I now wish that I had purchased and read it before making the trip.

While the content was exactly as expected, the format was difficult to read. It interspersed too many graphics with text, sometimes alternating pages. As a result, thoughts became literally disjointed. The graphics were good, the text was good, but combining them in this form made it challenging for me.

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If you want to learn about the gold rush and have fun doing it, read The chilkoot trail.This book, by Dave Neufeld and Frank Norris, will allow you to explore the facts about the gold rush, including the affect it had on the first nations of the yukon and women, whether they are wives of miners or Yukoners. Once you start this book, you won;t be able to put it down.You'll read about the 1896 Gold rush and the miners, each wanting their share of gold, the trail they had to pass to get there for not only was it a long and tiring steep trail, it was also a test of courage, a battle each miner had to fight before reaching their goal: gold. This is a great book for any adult, whether you're fro the Yukon, going to the Yukon or just wanting to read a great book. It's wonderful book to be used for reasearch.

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