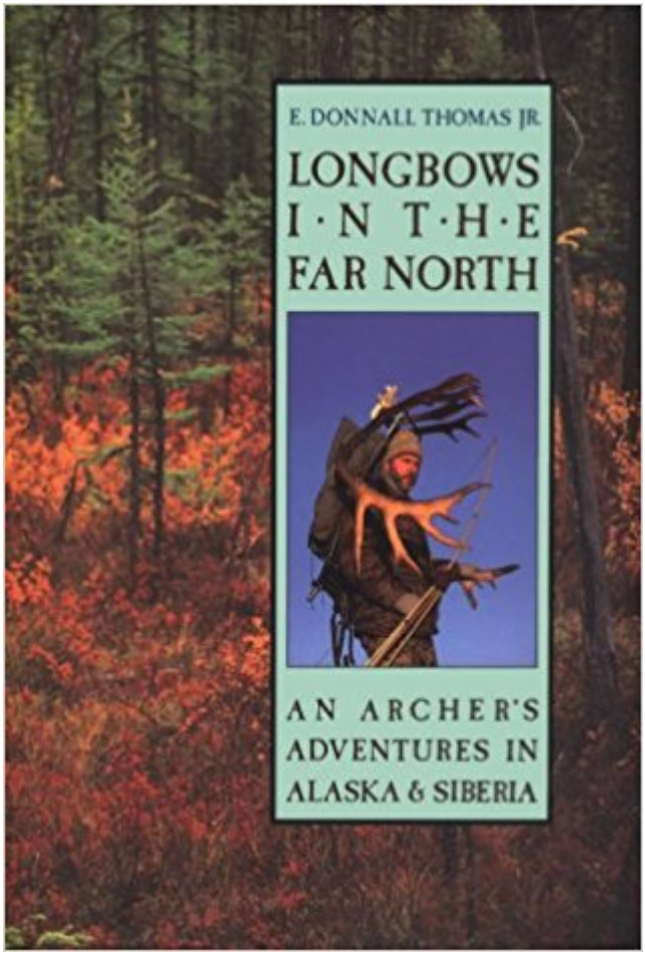
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Synopsis

In this entertaining collection of memoirs, Don Thomas takes readers to places few will ever have a chance to explore. His deep respect for the wildness of nature is ever-present as he recounts the country, people, and animals he encountered during archery expeditions in Alaska and Siberia. Whether pursuing open-country caribou, stalking Russian rams, or quietly observing black bears on the coast of Alaska, Thomas s vivid descriptions of the Arctic wilderness convey the wonder inherent in the hunting experience. 16 stories of bowhunting adventure in the Far North including exciting encounters with bears, moose, wolves, rams, and deer. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

E. Donnall Thomas Jr. lived and hunted in Alaska for many years. His essays and stories have appeared in Gray s Sporting Journal, Bowhunter Magazine, and Game Journal. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I usually avoid books about hunting because in my experience modern hunting lit tends to be self aggrandising and obnoxious. This was not that at all. I don’t remember once reading the author describe how tough he is, or how accomplished he is or anything like that. You get a sense that he must be both those things and more, but only because he takes you quite adeptly on some of his adventures with him.A couple of other reviewers here mentioned the author’s exemplary ethics, I think it’s worth mentioning that this is not a case of unwelcome ethical lectures. Like everything else

in this book, you simply see the example in his story telling.So he takes you with him in his stories to his obviously familiar stomping grounds of the Alaskan wilderness and a wonderful diversion into the Russian far east. To get a feel for how immense Russia’s eastern wilderness is, note that Vladivostok, the east’s big city, is closer to Australia than it is to Moscow. That would be a bit like saying Anchorage is closer to Chile than it is to Washington. Except it isn’t.I think the best thing I can say about this book and this author is his ability to tell the tale of many successful hunts even when some (or most) don’t end in game taken. Because every one is an adventure and an intimate outdoor experience in it’s own right.My only criticism is that it ended too soon. I loved it and will be buying more from this author.

In a sense I’m somewhat biased. I think the longbow will never be improved upon and will always be available with very few mechanical issues to compromise performance. I’m a huge fan of "Traditional Bowhunter" magazine of which Don is a contributing editor. In this particular book, as well as his articles, he tells it the way it happens; a miss is counted as a miss! The other thing I greatly appreciate about his style, is that it greatly contrasts many of the so called TV personalities. (Again my opinion) When an animal is harvested, a life is taken and reverence is owed. I feel embarrassed as an ethical and responsible hunter to see the TV guys jump up and down and whoop and holler about how great they are and look at me and see what I just did. I agree that celebration is due for all the hard work that goes into the hunt, but not the kill. You won’t find any of this nonsense in Don’s book.

The author is a master story teller. All of the short stories are packed with all the details from the hunts he’s done in the north country. After reading these stories you’ll feel as though you were in the hunting party on his Alaskan forays. The stories are all concise so there is never a dull moment in the book. If you are a bow hunter, you may enjoy the book more as you can understand the work that is required of the bow hunter to be successful.

One of the best bowhunting books I have read. The fact the stories are about adventures is why this books rocks

If you want to bow hunt Alaska, this is a must read. Don Thomas is a skilled woodsman/bowhunter who also writes beautifully. I now have an appreciation for the beauty of Alaska and its challenges to the bowhunter.

Written much like I would have experienced it. Some sound advice. Didn't put it down. Now, more arrows to shoot.

He gets away from earth a bit in my opinion but his passion for bowhunting is undeniable. I recommend this one heartily.

Lots of philosophy in this one. Good book though.

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