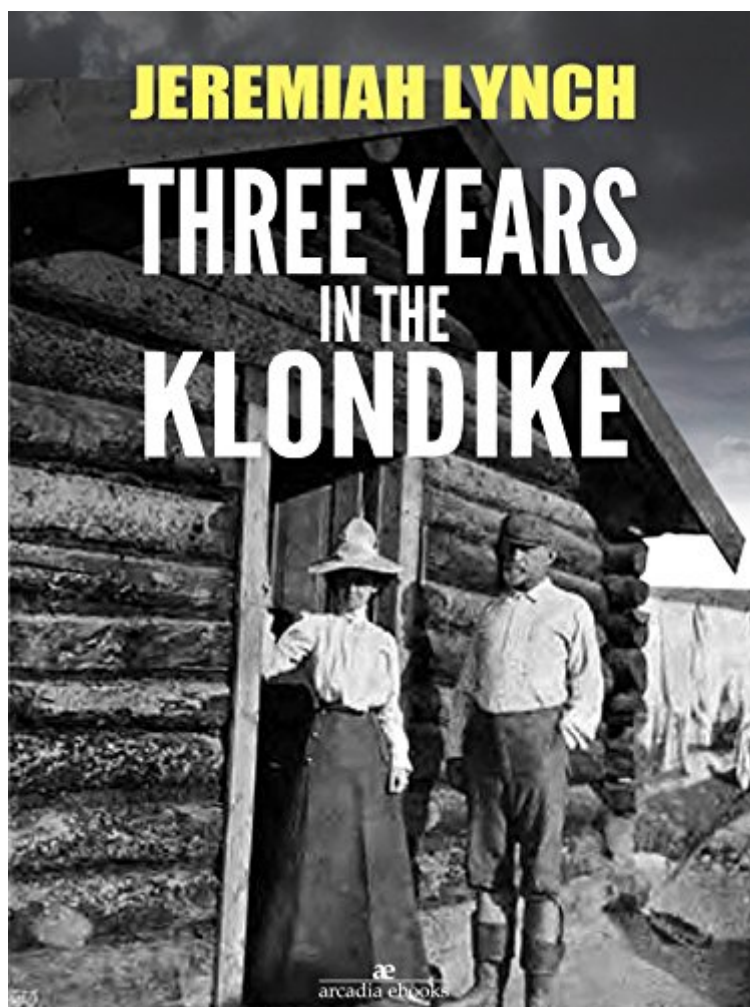


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Three Years In The Klondike (Illustrated)



Synopsis

The author of this book went into the Klondike early in the season of 1898, when the first rush had scarcely subsided, and spent three years there, alternately as traveler, trader and miner. He had, therefore, full opportunities of seeing the country and its life from various points of view. He has utilized his observations in an entertaining book. It is not a scientific work, or technical in any sense. It gives, however, an excellent idea of conditions and ways of living in the Klondike at all seasons, and of the hardships which the pioneers had to undergo. These have been indicated to a certain extent by five years of settlement and by the improvements in transportation and supply which have followed. They have not disappeared, since some hardship must always be endured in a winter climate as rigorous as that which prevails in the Yukon country. Nothing but the prospect of wealth could induce men to live in such a climate, and to combat the many difficulties which it entails.

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Customer Reviews

Very interesting true life story of a rich young man going to Klondike to mine gold. Unlike the majority of the prospectors, the author spent the first year learning about the Yukon prior to buying a mine. However, the majority of the book is about living in Dawson during the various seasons. A

temperature of minus 30 was common and didn't affect their activities. I enjoyed the books as it did tell stories about the miners, women and others who went to the area and the misery (and happiness) they endured. A great book for those who want to know about the Arctic and gold rush.

The author describes the life of miners digging for gold in Canada's Klondike region during the late 1890s. Recall that Alaska was purchased in 1867 from Russia and the Klondike was just east of Alaska's state boundary. The miners reached the Klondike by foot after disembarking from boats that landed them at Skagway and Juneau or by steamer that took them from the Yukon River delta on the west coast of Alaska east to the Klondike. This book is a valuable history of the miner's hardships. The influx of thousands into Alaska initiated a very important issue other than gold digging, opening the way for populating Alaska.

This book gave a wonderful insight into the early mining camps along the Klondike. It told of successes and failures. Most of all, it told stories of individual hardships and the men and women who dared to make a living of one of the most difficult places in the world.

This is an enjoyable read about the later years of the Yukon gold rush with lots of anecdotes describing the many characters, events and challenges of living year round in the harsh Alaskan wilderness around the turn of the century.

Great book but was very disappointed in the quality of the writing. Pages were missing several times throughout reading which was extremely annoying. Also the letter V inserted all over the place. This is not the author's fault but the translation from book to kindle. Needs to look into this as it has happened many times before.

This is a very interesting read only marred as mentioned by someone else by missing pages. Highly recommended if you have interest in that era!

Top notch writing and history. Very realistic. A few uncomfortable breaks in continuity, probably the translation to Kindle but well worth it.

Not what I expected. Other Klondike stories described life feeding large fires to thaw the ground. No talk of loose gravel when thawed. Just hard scratching. Dated little social life.

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