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Racing The Iditarod (Thrill Seekers)



Synopsis

It's hard to fathom what it would be like crossing 1,100 miles (1,770 km) of Alaskan wilderness on a dogsled. The frigid conditions alone would make many adventurers think twice about this challenge. Throw in unexpected encounters with angry moose and dangerous journeys across melting lakes, and readers have an idea of what the remarkable race called the Iditarod is all about. From its heroic beginnings to its most amazing winners, all aspects of this dogsled race are covered with special attention to the real athletes, the dogs!

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Customer Reviews

Worst book about the Iditarod that I've ever read! Filled with false information such as the Iditarod is run to commemorate the 1925 Serum Run [not true! This story was made up by a newspaper reporter back in the 70s...the truth is that Joe Redington, Sr. didn't like the fact that sled dogs were disappearing from the Native villages and he wanted to remind people of their importance in Alaska's history] That the race is 1,100 miles long [again, not true! The symbolic distance is 1,049 miles...1,000 for the race trail and 49 because Alaska is the 49th state. The actual distance is less than 1,000 miles (check out the Iditarod's website to find out the distances for each route...northern [even years] and southern [odd years] as the distance varies.) That the dogs become ill from lack of food. Again, not true! Mushers are required to carry food on their sled as well as ship food and other

supplies to the checkpoints along the trail route. That dog booties "...may have a bottom made of leather..." then shows a picture of dogs in cloth booties with Velcro closures, which are the booties that all the mushers use today. This book hasn't been properly researched. Don't waste your money!

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