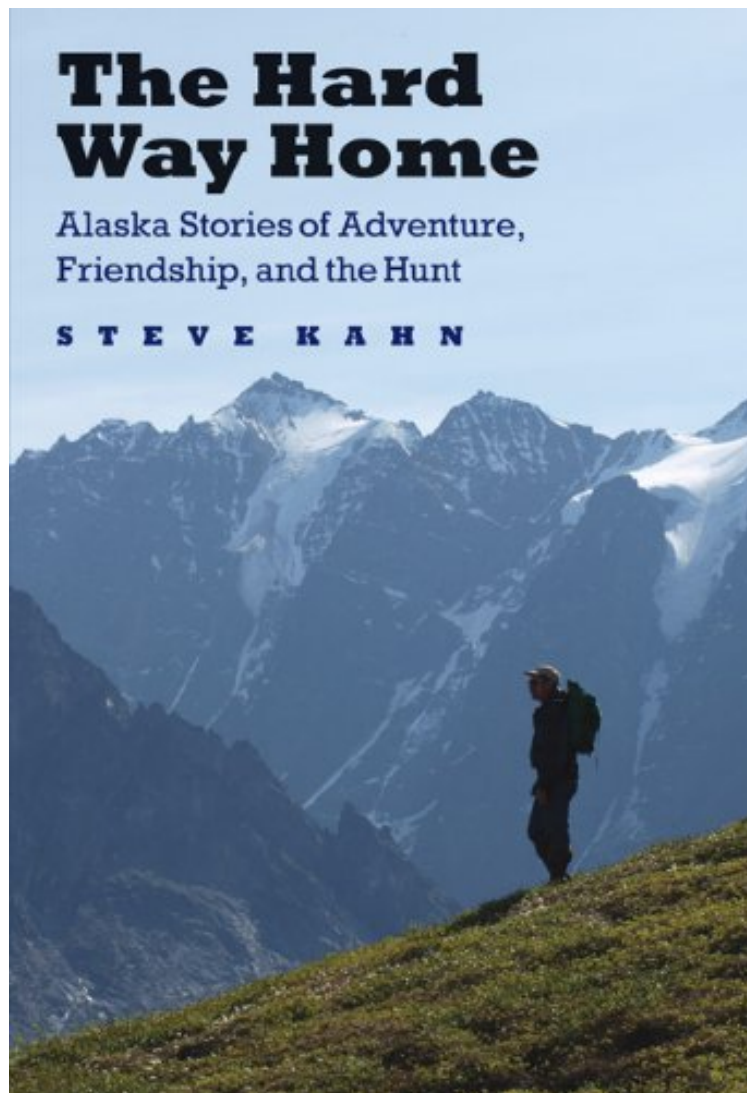


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**Steve Kahn : The Hard Way Home: Alaska Stories of Adventure, Friendship, and the Hunt (Outdoor Lives)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Hard Way Home: Alaska Stories of Adventure, Friendship, and the Hunt (Outdoor Lives):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. it is a great book of hunting adventures and fishing By Curt Seefeldt This is one of those books that tell things on several levels. Yes, it is a great book of hunting adventures and

fishing. But, there is more to it. It tells of a persons growth from a kid on. It also tells of a time and place where there was none of this namby pamby crap about "safety". If anything gets my goat it's those people that think or feel that unless someone is watching their kid every minute or letting play out of sight it is those parents, society leaders that by their actions actually hinder kids from growing up to be responsible and thinking for themselves. The sad thing is, compare what living was like for the author as a young man,,,,,,and look at what is going on today. Damm Government is ever more encroaching on peoples right to live as they please. OK.....I'll ger off my soapbos now... This is one very good book.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great readBy melissa kenastonFascinating book that gives you a sense of growing up and living in Alaska! Well written and enjoyable to read.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four StarsBy Mark BidelmanGreat stories of the outdoors.

A lifelong Alaskan, Steve Kahn moved at the age of nine from the metropolis of Anchorage to the foothills of the Chugach Mountains. A childhood of berry picking, fishing, and hunting led to a life as a big-game guide. When he wasnt guiding in the spring and fall, he worked as a commercial fisherman and earned his pilots license, pursuits that took him to the far reaches of the Alaskan wilderness. He lived through some of the most important moments of the states history: the 1964 earthquake (the most powerful in U.S. history), the Farewell Burn wildfire, the last king crab season in Kodiak Island waters, the Exxon Valdez oil spill and cleanup, even the far-reaching effects of the 9/11 attacks.

From BooklistAlaskan Kahn has written a series of heartfelt, yet understated, essays about life on the Last Frontier that will appeal to nature lovers and thoughtful outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen. Divided into sections on outdoor life (mainly adventures in commercial fishing and flying), guiding (wherein we learn that many hunters are preoccupied with trophy size above all else), and the quieter subsistence life he enjoys today. Kahn disputes the hazardous glamour of Deadliest Catch by noting that his own fishing experiences are more about camaraderie than danger, and shares surprisingly fond memories of trapping oil after the Exxon Valdez spill. (I was with buddies and we were working on an important jobtogether.) As Kahn tells tales about bears, moose, eagles, and other wildlife, he is clearly conflicted by his love for that which he hunts, traps, and kills, and ultimately his decision to stop trapping is inspired by a particularly gut-wrenching recollection. This is quiet Alaska, and much closer to the truth than most depictions. -- Colleen Mondor "Alaskan Kahn has written a series of heartfelt, yet understated, essays about life on the Last Frontier that will appeal to nature lovers and thoughtful outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen. . . This is quiet Alaska, and much closer to the truth than most depictions."Colleen Mondor, Booklist