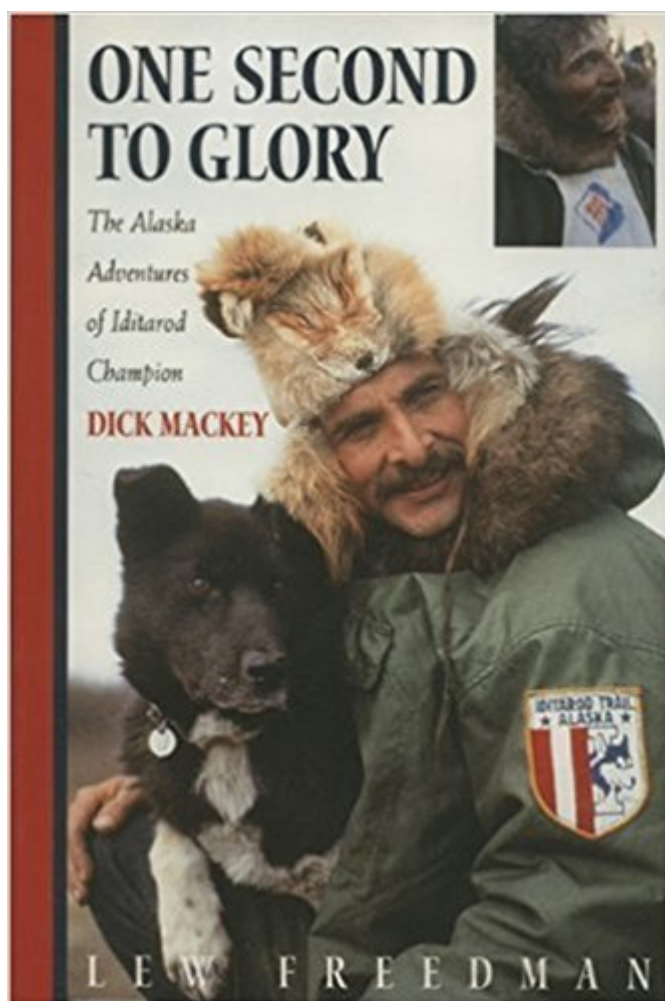


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good story about a really good man.

Love anything to do with the Iditarod. This book was well written and fun to read! Bring on more! thanks!

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After seeing the fantastic iditarod race this year, you can see how the Mackey family has racing in the blood. Great book! Inspiring family.

Wow. After 29 years it is still vivid to recall those 2 guys neck 'n neck pulling their teams down Front Street in Nome. I woke to the radio alarm clock to get ready for my shift at the airport and heard they were inside of Safety (22 miles East of Nome). I got up and out of the apartment and walked down to Front street, and low and behold, there they were, stumbling, tugging. It was a bright, clear, cold day and the dogs looked so tired! What a hullabaloo that morning! Mackey relives this and other moments in this book and he brings it all back. Thanks, Dick!

A well written and extremely entertaining autobiography of Dick Mackey who won the Iditarod Race in 1978 by a second. In some ways, the book almost read like the history of Iditarod and as the founder of Coldfoot, Mackey probably won his place in Alaska history. I regards this more like public autobiography because Mackey mostly relates to his public life. What seem to be missing are stuff about his personal life outside of few mentions of his kids and his three wives. It would be bit more interesting to know the man behind his accomplishments and the cost. But overall, I highly recommended this book about an extraordinary Alaskan who did extraordinary things. As a fellow Alaskan, I hope there will be more chapters to come.

Mackey sums it all up: " People who are content to stand still irritate me. I feel the same way about people in every profession... always try to improve your work... try to be the best you can be."This is a record of accomplishments of one man who came from New Hampshire. He was a young, successful entrepreneur until an accident changed his life...bankruptcy. He was young, married and a father. He lost it all... but not for long. " I knew nothing about Alaska, but it was as far as I could drive."Alaska is a better place for men like Mackey. He has left his mark as a Iditarod Hall of Fame. The founder of Coldfoot, AK.and the list goes on and on.Mackey, you brag a lot... but it's not really bragging... you did it.

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