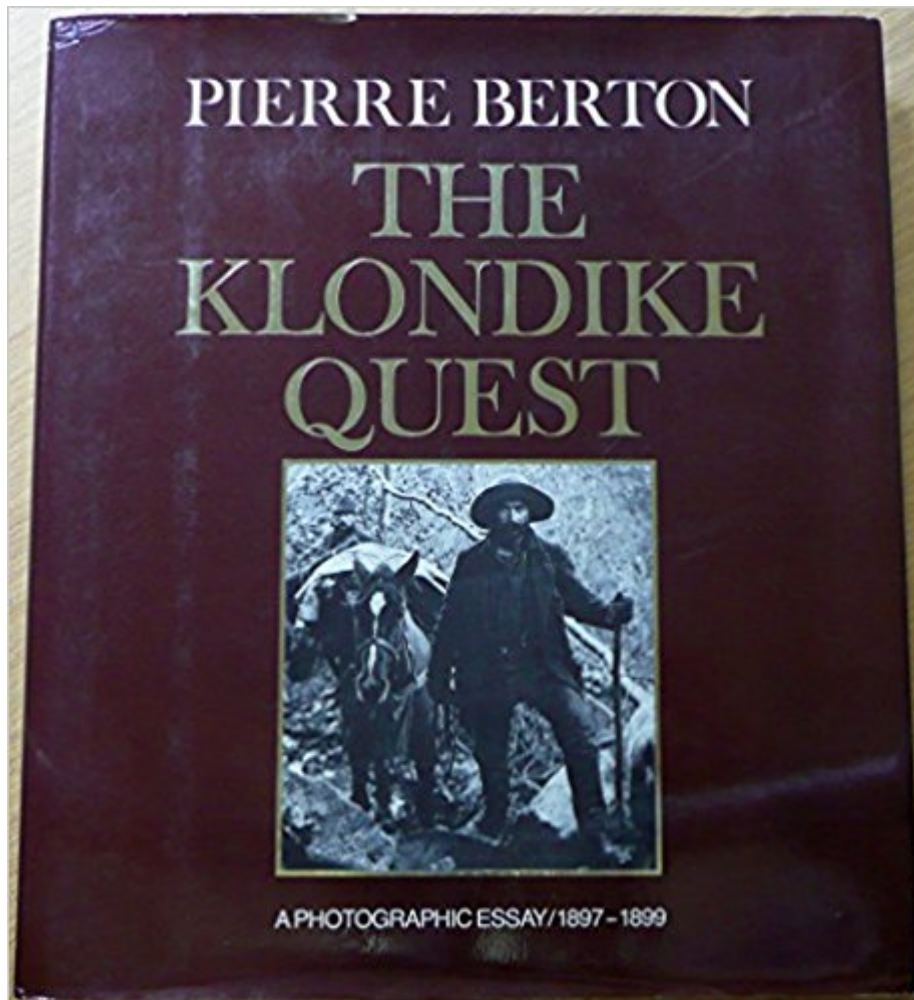




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The Klondike Quest: A Photographic Essay, 1897-1899



Synopsis

The most photographed event in America during the 19th century. More than 10,000 images reside in public archives and private collections, depicting every aspect of what popular historian Pierre Berton has called "one of the strangest mass movements in history." For this book, Berton selected 200 photographs, some iconic, some touchingly personal, and most previously unpublished. The Klondike Quest brings to life the panoramic drama of the great stampede for gold as seen by the ordinary gold-seeker. The photographs are beautifully reproduced and informatively and colorfully captioned. "One million people, it is said, laid plans to go to the Klondike. One hundred thousand actually set off. And so the Klondike saga is a chronicle of humanity in the mass.... For the next eighteen months, the Yukon interior plateau became a human anthill." --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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fever, the shimmering sands, the trail of dead horses, the golden stairs, the armada, the shuffling throng, the creeks, and the city of gold all come alive with brilliant clarity.... This is a truly great photographic essay.... It is a must for every Canadian library. (Jack Brown Canadian Materials Reviews)The story of the stampede is told well but shown even better. (HistoryNet.com)The gold fever, the shimmering sands, the trail of dead horses, the golden stairs, the armada, the shuffling throng, the creeks, and the city of gold all come alive with brilliant clarity.... This is a truly great photographic essay... It is a must for every Canadian library. (Jack Brown Canadian Materials)While the photographs form the heart of the book, the text does not take second place.... Even in the relatively short amount of text allowed for, the author provides us with personal human details rather than simple sweeping generalities... The Klondike Quest should have a broad appeal to readers of all ages who like information provided about a brief but dramatic period in our history, or to those who simply enjoy the many photographs. The pictures alone will offer hours of viewing. (Ronald I. Hore Canadian Materials 2005-10-28)As a true story of real men looking for a phantom, it's a tale that can't be beat. Boston Mills Press has included here more than 200 photographs, some of them breathtaking, some funny, some wistful some horrifying...and some downright sad. (Ignacio Schwartz Canadian Materials 2005-10-28) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Pierre Berton was born in the Yukon in 1920 and worked in the Klondike mining camps as a teenager before forging a career as a journalist and cultural commentator. He wrote 50 books, including many of historical non-fiction, and won over 30 literary awards and many honorary degrees. Appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada in 1986, Berton died in 2004 at the age of 84. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is the defining format to get as large size. I bought two of the paperback as companion gifts with "The Klondike Fever", but these much larger prints make this epic even more realistic. Of course, this book is meaningless without first reading the story - Pierre Berton's wit and understanding of the gold rush paints a vivid picture like few others manage. Together, these give an unparalleled history lesson as well as many truly great stories. Mr Berton shows his true understanding of the events when in the afterword he draws parallels to young men (and a few women!) going through war and how it changes them - mostly for the better through "aging beyond their years"...So, this book is a keeper - I can't recommend BOTH of them enough!

Awesome book telling a captivating story. Many, many interesting photos. Highly recommend.

Amazing photos. Clear print. I love this book. I have a relative who is photoed in this book so it means a lot to me and my entire family. This shows a very accurate description of times back in those days. It is very interesting to see and read about the history.

Dad loved it

The best collection of Klondike photos published.

Wow. I got a glance at someone's copy of this book while on a trip and just had to find my own copy. A fantastic collection of pictures and history. A must for anyone interested in the history of the Klondike gold rush, and if you aren't interested it might make you. It did me. And now I am off to read Berton's other books.

If you read Klondike fever (Five stars) You will want this klondike Quest Both great reads.Great history lesson by the same Author

There is a sharp moral lesson describing the powerful raw power of greed when it overcomes common sense. As most readers already know the majority of the propectors did not find riches and many of those who did squandered the newfound wealth in no time.Nevertheless it is impressive to see what men and some women were willing to undergo tremendous hardship and superhuman suffering in order to find an ' easy way to wealth

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