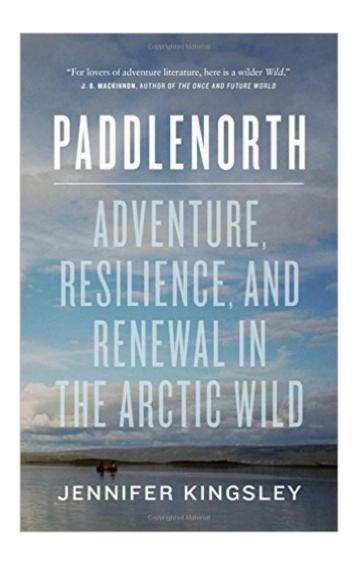
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Paddlenorth: Adventure, Resilience, And Renewal In The Arctic Wild





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Paddlenorth tells the riveting story of Jennifer Kingsleyâ ™s 54-day paddling adventure on the Back River in the northern wilderness of the Arctic as she and her five companions battle raging winds, impenetrable sea ice, treacherous rapids, and agonizing sores and blisters while contending with rising tensions among the group. But they also experience the lasting joy of grizzly sightings, icy swims, and the caribouâ ™s summer migration. Woven through this spellbinding narrative are often-harrowing accounts of the journeys of earlier explorers, some of whom never made it back home. Paddlenorth paints an indelible portrait of the spectacular Arctic landscape, rendered with a naturalistâ ™s eye and an artistâ ™s sensibility, and offers an eloquent exploration of how wilderness changes us.

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BOOK REVIEWTitle: PaddlenorthSubtitle: Adventure, Resilience, and Renewal in the Arctic WildAuthor: Jennifer KingsleyPublished: 2014Publisher: Greystone BooksWebsite: [...]Contents: 231pp; one map, a few b&w pics; bibliographyCover: Hardback, dustjacketSize: 222 x 148 mmPrice: US\$ 26.95ISBN: 978-1-77164-035-0 (also an epub)Availability: .comReview: Paul CaffynThis is the story of a 2005 Canadian canoe trip down the Baillie and Back rivers from Moraine Lake in northern Canada to the Arctic Ocean. After six months of planning and preparation the six paddlers flew from Yellowknife with their canoes in a Twin Otter floatplane, aiming to finish at Gjoa Haven where they could fly home.Jennifer Kingsley has written a corker book, an excellent blend of narrative, snippets of historical river exploration, descriptions of the tundra and its wildlife, the bonds

between the paddlers, and her philosophy on wanting to paddle in the high Arctic.It starts with the fly in, then an introduction to the other five paddlers, some planning and then onto the water. Jennifer writes:The tundra, â `is unlike anywhere else, and that is a wonder in itself, but in the three years since my last visit, I had forgotten about the tundraâ TMs oppressive moods. The landscape is so open â " yet when the wind rises, the temperature drops, and the sky fills with clouds, the atmosphere becomes heavy, and you feel trapped by all that freedom.â TMJenniferâ TMs first introduction to canoeing was being taken by her father paddling in his cedar-canvas canoe, but she found, â 'Canoeing was for adults. Supremely slow and quiet, a perfect place for that most hated adult activity â " conversationâ TM.

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