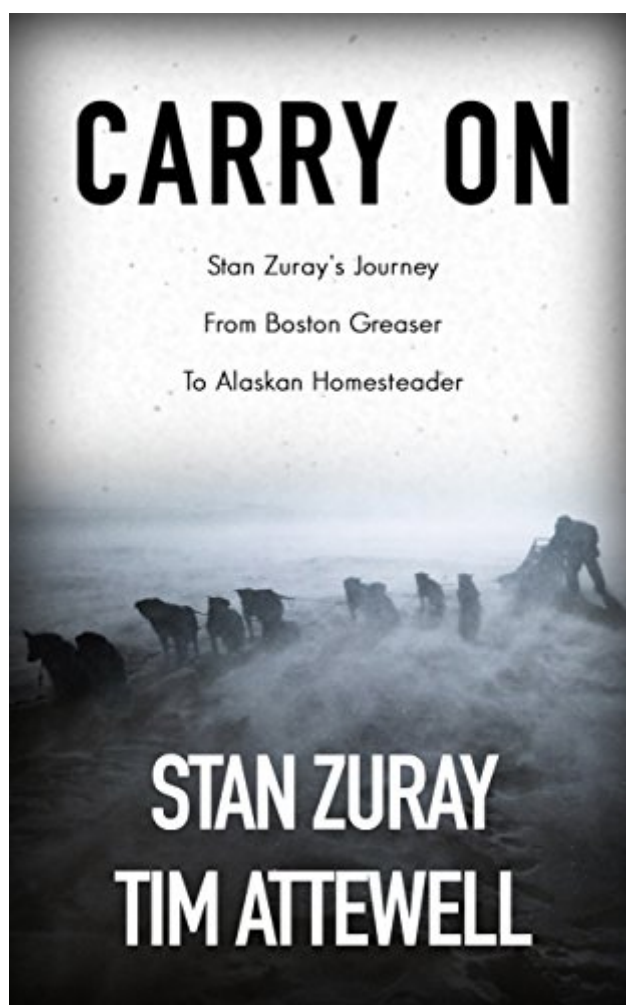


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Carry On: Stan Zuray's Journey From Boston Greaser To Alaskan Homesteader



Synopsis

In 1960s inner city Boston, Stan Zuray had no future. As the Vietnam war took more and more of his friends, and many of those who returned sank further into drugs and despair, Stan looked for meaning and found nothing. His life's purpose lay thirty-three hundred miles northwest, deep in the Tozitna River Valley in the heart of Alaska's frozen interior. Deadly cold, famine, grizzly bears, and one unruly sled dog with a grudge kept Stan on the knife's edge between survival and death. Humbled by the power of nature, the Boston greaser who was destined for prison found a new life in the wild, where one mistake can prove fatal. This is the true story of Stan Zuray's incredible journey; the reformation of a man's heart and mind in the forbidding darkness of Alaska's endless winter.

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Customer Reviews

I gladly accepted an advanced copy of CARRY ON, primarily because I love true stories that don't shy away from harsh realities and yet manage to celebrate life's triumphs, no matter how few and far between they may seem. Stan Zuray seems to be one of those guys you bump into now and again and think, "He seems like an interesting fellow." What an understatement. Stan has been on a death defying journey of self-discovery and survival for most of his life. His desire to

repurpose/recycle the resources around him (earned, gifted, or stumbled upon) is an apt metaphor for his own ability to personally evolve in order to survive the challenges that life throws his way. The story can at times be difficult to read due to the content as Stan had to make some tough choices along the way, but Attewell has done a commendable job of getting us inside Stan's head so that we understand why these choices are being made so we can empathize rather than judge. All in all, an entertaining read I was able to get through in about 3 or 4 hours of casual reading.

As the son of one of Stans backwoods neighbor, I can assure that this book is an accurate tale of Stans life. I've heard a few of these stories growing up and they never get old.

I am an avid viewer of Yukon Men which airs on Fridays at 9 p.m. in Baltimore, Maryland. Stan Zuray is my favorite on the show. It was interesting to read about his travels from Boston to Tanana. I learned a lot about this man who I have come to admire. His life shows that any of us can change the direction of our lives if we choose. He is also brutally honest about the challenges one faces when they decide to live and trap for a living in Alaska. I have visited Alaska three times. It is my hope that I will visit that beautiful place again. To Stan I say thank you. By reading your book, I was able to once again travel to what I consider my second home--Alaska.

I bought this book because I enjoyed Stan Surat so much while watching "Yukon Men." Stan has truly lived an incredible life during some very turbulent years in our country's history. How he and his wife managed to survive in Alaska, especially the first few years, is truly amazing. I personally found the back and forth between first and third person narratives a little difficult to follow but the amazing story just keeps pulling you on and on until the conclusion. Thanks for sharing, Stan, and, as a veteran, thanks for appreciating my service and recognizing what a horrible a a welcome home our Viet Nam vets were given despite serving their country to the best of their ability.

I loved the detail employed in describing this unique life and will continue to live vicariously through him as I would not survive otherwise. Thanks for sharing your life with the world.

I chose to read this book because of Stan's personality on Yukon Men. He is a straight talker and his book is the same. I was surprised by some of the twists and turns in his life that happened on his life trip to and as a citizen of Alaska. I don't think I would have had the fortitude to endure the hardships of the homesteader but I sure as heck enjoyed reading about it! Delightful book!

As a fan of the TV show, I was familiar with Stan Zury, and admired his spirit and inventiveness. This may have colored my feeling for this book, but I don't think my fascination with this man and his story is misplaced. His is a story of what can be accomplished with perseverance and guts. Loved the book.

This is an outstanding account of Stan Zuray's life. It is fun, interesting and exciting all at the same time! The hardships he endured and the joys of living come through as he describes how his life unfolded. I am so happy to have read this account. Thank you for writing it.

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