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Robert Perkins : Into the Great Solitude: An Arctic Journey before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Into the Great Solitude: An Arctic Journey:

13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Unique True Adventure StoryBy Karen D. SomersThe nature of the voyage that Perkins set out on is extremely unique and interesting making for a captivating story. He ventured into an area of the great northern wilderness where few people have ever been, and he described what he found with wonderful detail and thought. At first, I was annoyed with the personal stories embedded as flashbacks into the adventure, but soon I was drawn in to the psyche of Perkins as he canoed the Back River. My imagination and wonder soared at the thought that there are still places where a person could find utter solitude for such an extended period of time. I suppose the fact that it didn't take any "special" skills, other than an adventurous soul, bravery and an ability with canoes, intrigued me. I ended up purchasing the video, an excellent companion to the book.14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. A Contemplative Journey Down an Artic RiverBy david sevignyHaving undertaken a number of Northern canoe trips, I was very pleasantly surprised to read Robert Perkins account of his 1987 trip down the Back River. I found that Mr. Perkins' descriptions accurately capture to daily routine of paddling down a wilderness river. Many times, in reading his descriptions, I was transported back to my own recollections of life on a canoe trip. I was also struck my Mr. Perkins' sharp eye for detail and often lyrical description of everyday events. Moreover, I found Mr. Perkins' reflections on the events of his own life, which invariable arise in the mind of anyone undertaking such a long canoe trip, provided rewarding insights into the character of the author. All told, this is a very

enjoyable book that I would recommend without reservation. 2 of 4 people found the following review helpful.
Solitude or life reflection
By WILLIAM STOCKAs most adventure stories have some reflection back on ones life he went way overboard. Robert Perkins should change the title to growing up, losing girlfriend ,father concerns . As read more about that than canoe adventure . If looking for canoe story look elsewhere. Suggest "Canoeing with the Cree" by Eric Severied

The author chronicles his effort to retrace the journey of British Navy Captain George Back, who explored the Alaskan tundra in a canoe in 1834.

From Library Journal
While paddling a solo canoe retracing George Back's 1834 voyage of northern Canada's Back River, artist and nature writer Perkins (*Against Straight Lines*, LJ 4/1/83) shoots rapids, fends off black flies, watches out for grizzly bears, and films animals and scenery for a PBS Adventure program (shown in 1989). All the while, he ruminates about such matters as his ailing father, an unhappy love affair, and humankind's inhumanity to nature. This pleasant, but not compelling, account should find a home in libraries that can't get enough wilderness adventure material. However, most would do better to buy Alistair Scott's *Tracks Across Alaska* (LJ 9/1/90), which is probably the best contemporary Arctic adventure story available. Illustrations not seen.- Jonathan Hus band, Framingham State Coll. Lib., Mass. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.