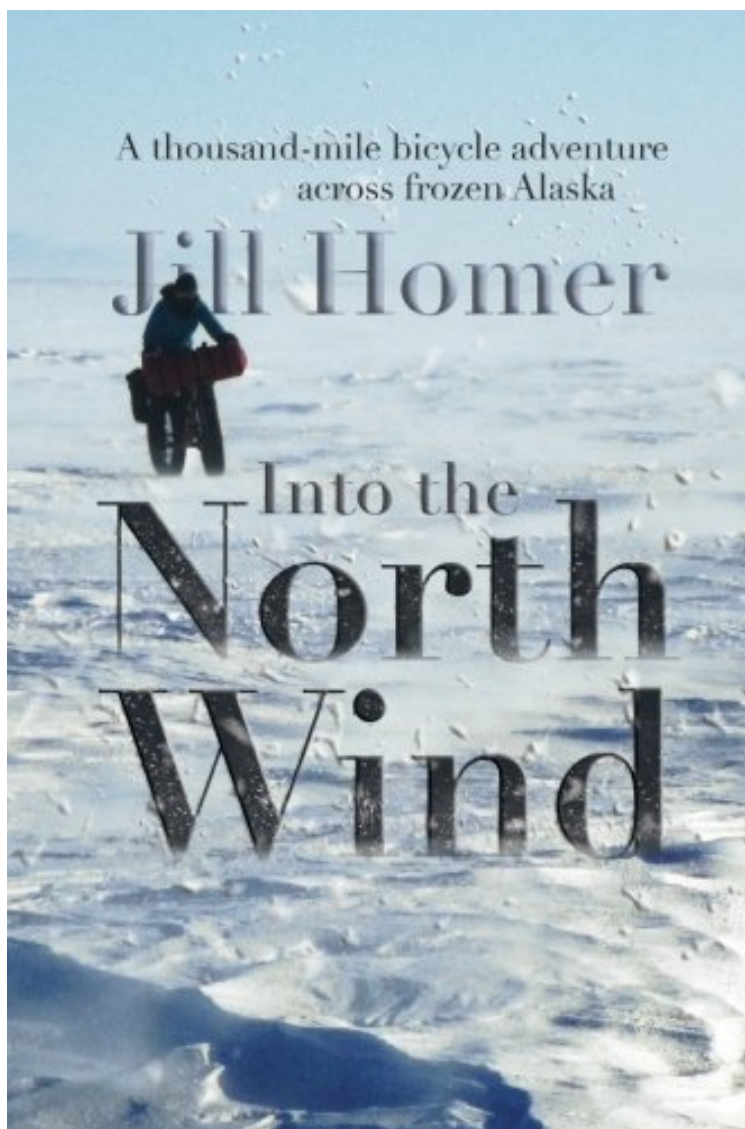


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Jill Homer : Into the North Wind: A Thousand-mile Bicycle Adventure Across Frozen Alaska before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Into the North Wind: A Thousand-mile Bicycle Adventure Across Frozen Alaska:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Because it is there?By Richard RunserHow can anyone, especially a

girl, since girls are supposed to be less capable of withstanding harshness... This lady has done an amazing feat, impossible to sit home and imagine. In addition to discussing the physical issues incomparably well, Jill reveals her heart, her mind, her emotions without self-consciousness. Therein is the reason she does such a truly "fantasy," achievement such as this. The drive and desire to do it regardless of overwhelming setbacks. I am a lifetime outdoors man, familiar with working on the Iditarod, all my outdoor endeavors fall to trivia upon reading, *Into the North Wind*. Rarely does an author delve so much into the overlooked, incomprehensible, emotional aspects of such lonely traveling, along with the tremendously, (What's a stronger word than that, Jill? Stupendously?) challenging difficulties of such a physical challenge. The emotions, the will power, the self-sustaining desire to go on, alone, not team mates to help, all internalized without cheer leaders, coaches, helpers, are arguably the most important aspect of what you describe. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Tough as Nails By Ninepipe Jill Homer is my "go to" guide/adventurer for thrills, and spills, but always pure adventure. This time she chose to compete in, and hopefully complete, the bike portion of the Iditarod Trail race. She raced on a fat bike over one long, cold, lonely trail. And much to her surprise, and a little luck, she WON! She pedaled, sometimes so sick (literally), along, always so very cold, and almost blown over by the endless and relentless wind. She learned how to "pee" FAST before her butt froze. She learned how to lock her frozen fingers around the handlebars so she had her two hands to steer the bike. But this didn't always keep her from toppling over and then struggling to get back up and onto her bike. In spite of all her trouble, she finished FIRST in her division. She beat the reigning woman's champ! And she took it stride when she got little recognition for her efforts at the finish line. Why? A dog sled "hot" behind her crossed the line and reaped all the praise from the press. I can't wait for Jill's next adventure. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Another great tale from Jill Homer By Karl Doll Another great tale from Jill Homer! I've read all of her books and anxiously awaited the release of this new one. Like the previous tales, I find inspiration in her being an "unlikely athlete" who found endurance racing almost by accident. The details of the doubt, emotion, and dangerous weather give Jill's writing an authenticity that I find easy to relate to.

Into the North Wind chronicles Jill Homer's record-breaking bicycle ride across Alaska on the Iditarod Trail. Jill is one of those accidental athletes who stumbled into endurance racing shortly after she moved to Alaska in 2005. After a hundred miles, her first race only scratched the surface of the historic trail that spans a vast and frozen wilderness. Ever since, she dreamed about the chiming of ice crystals at thirty below zero, black spruce shadows in the moonlight, the ethereal dance of the Northern Lights, and a journey that could take her deeper into this transcendental world the thousand-mile race to Nome. After ten years of dreaming, she finally made the leap in 2016. Fitness, however, remained elusive as ambitious preparations left a wake of failures, sickness and injury. Even the existence of the trail remained in question throughout the winter, Alaska experienced unprecedented heat waves and snow melt that threatened to render the Iditarod Trail impassable. By the time Jill lined up at the start, she was ready to chuck her dream into the barely-frozen lake. Instead, she pedaled across waterlogged ice, repeating her mantra of one day at a time. This account is not just a story about seeking beauty, overcoming setbacks and uncovering hidden strength it's a journey into the benevolent heart of the coldest, loneliest trail.

About the Author Jill Homer is an outdoor adventure enthusiast, freelance writer and designer living in Boulder, Colorado. She was a community news journalist pale-faced and risk-adverse, with a body better suited to shelving library books than scaling mountains when her then-boyfriend convinced her to move to Homer, Alaska, in 2005. There she discovered the unique and obscure sport of snow biking, which launched her into a whirlwind lifestyle of endurance racing, travel, and adventure sports. Her athletic accomplishments include a women's bicycle record for the 1,000-mile Iditarod Trail in Alaska, a former women's record for the 2,740-mile Great Divide Mountain Bike Route, and nearly fifty ultramarathon finishes. Deep down, she's still the awkward, timid girl she was while growing up in the suburbs of Sandy, Utah. She has authored three memoirs, a compilation of personal essays, and co-authored a biography about a man who has walked across Alaska eight (now nine) times.