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Frederica De Laguna : Travels Among the Dena: Exploring Alaska's Yukon Valley (McLellan Books) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Travels Among the Dena: Exploring Alaska's Yukon Valley (McLellan Books):

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making and unconventional design, like the most foolhardy party that ever embarked on the great river. For the next 80 days, over a distance of 1,600 miles, we fared through what was then truly a wilderness looking for ancient archaeological sites and recording our adventures and misadventures, our many disappointments and fewer lucky finds, and above all, our rewarding contacts with the Native peoples and white settlers we met along the way' - Frederica de Laguna. This robust and engaging travel narrative re-creates a remarkable adventure in the summer of 1935, when Frederica de Laguna, then in her late 20s, led a party of three other scientists down the rivers of the middle and lower Yukon valley, making a geological and archaeological reconnaissance. De Laguna has based her story on her field notes, journals, and letters home. She augments this first-hand account with excerpts from the reports of earlier explorers and data published after her trip. The result is a fascinating and informative cross-cut of historical events along the Yukon River and its tributaries." *Travels Among the Dena* chronicles the expedition from its outfitting in Seattle and the trip by steamer and railway to Fairbanks and Nenana, through an 80-day journey on skiffs down the Tanana and Yukon rivers to Holy Cross near the coast, with side trips on the Koyukuk, Khotol, and Innoko rivers, before a one-day return flight to Fairbanks with pioneer bush pilot Noel Wien. Maps illustrate the route taken downriver, and the author's photographs capture images of the time. The resulting volume is both a delightful addition to the literature of travel adventure in Alaska and an important contribution to the discipline of anthropology. Frederica de Laguna is professor emerita of anthropology at Bryn Mawr College. Her many publications include *"Tales of the Dena: Indian Stories from the Tanana, Koyukuk, and Yukon Rivers"*.

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