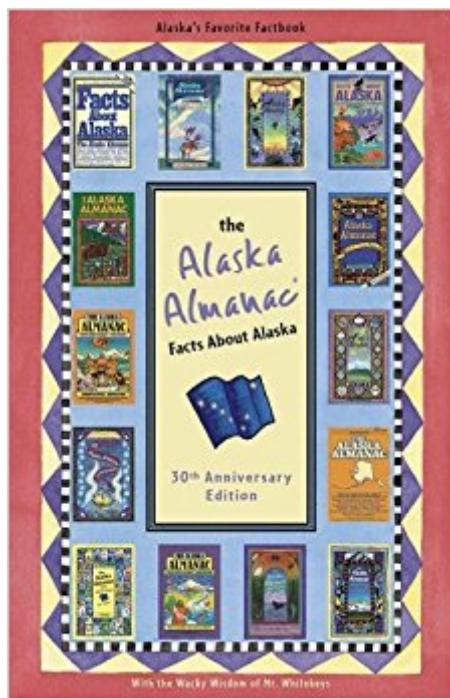


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Synopsis

If you want to know Alaska inside and out, there is no better reference than THE ALASKA ALMANAC.. Updated annually with facts and figures on geography, history, economics, sports, cultures, and people of the Last Frontier, this information-packed volume is a must-have for Alaskans and visitors alike. Celebrating its thirtieth birthday this year, this handy little guide is chock-full of Alaskana, from the beautiful to the bizarre. As always, the wit and wisdom of Mr. Whitekeys continues to delight readers with his wacky-but-true Alaska factoids. Did you know . . . Arctic researchers on the northern tundra have reported up to 9,000 mosquito bites per minute. There are 166,000 moose in Alaska. Each one produces approximately 400 "moose nuggets" per day. Alaskans are the second highest per capita consumers of SPAM. in the nation. "Gold nuggets about Alaska." -- The Associated Press

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Nancy Gates has gathered information and compiled the updates for the Alaska Almanac for the past nine years from her home office in the state.

A great book on the state of Alaska, Full of Facts and History

As a long-term resident of the Last Frontier, I enjoy having the book handy somewhere between my computer, two Greenland Huskies, and the phone. The special 30th Anniversary edition continues a long tradition of concise information about our large and very diverse state. Topics come in

alphabetical order, for even quicker reference. So "Pioneers' Homes" comes just before "Pipeline," which is the mammoth Trans Alaska Oil Pipeline which runs over 800 miles from the Arctic Slope to the tankers at Valdez. You can find out all about camping and hiking opportunities. When you get hungry, there is a recipe to rustle up a bunch of Sourdough Hotcakes (Serve quickly on hot plates, especially when it is 40 below zero.) Each edition is spiced up with Alaskan humor from Mr. Whitekeys, a local comedian who could even make a Polar Bear laugh. Who else would report on a traditional Alaska duct tape sculpture contest? Entries included a duct tape bouquet of roses. Enjoy this book if you are coming our way. Even if you never get here, it will make you feel like an Alaskan at heart!

This is the 30th edition of the Alaska Almanac, a compendium of facts about the biggest state in the United States. Organized alphabetically, it covers everything from population to average temperatures to the number of fur-bearing animal species present in the state. Although not meant to serve as a tour guide to Alaska, it nicely complements the "The Milepost" as a source of information for folks with time to spend in exploring Alaska, or for new residents looking to understand how different Alaska is from the "lower 48." The text includes highlights on especially obscure facts and some interesting historical nuggets. This book is highly recommended for the visitor to Alaska and the resident, both of whom will find fun facts to know and use.

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