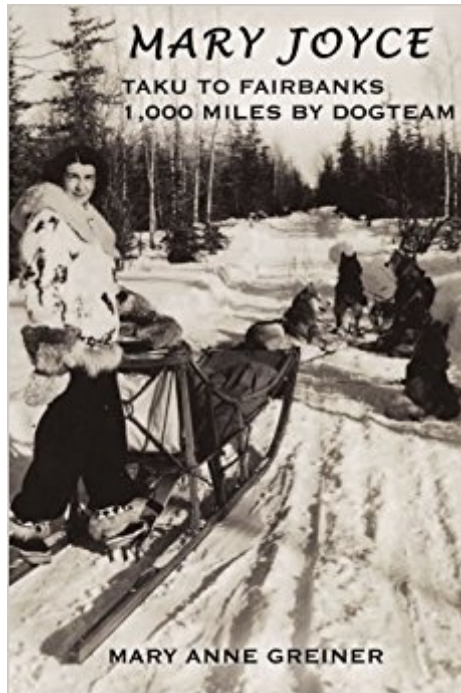




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MARY JOYCE: TAKU TO FAIRBANKS, 1,000 MILES BY DOGTEAM



Synopsis

The brave and exciting exploits of "Mary Joyce - Taku to Fairbanks, 1,000 Miles by Dogsled" are described in this book... mostly in her own words. She wrote a manuscript about her trip with her dogteam in 1936. It was never published until now. She was the first white person over a portion of the trail which later became part of the Alcan Highway. Her narrative and descriptions of Alaska's people, dogteams, vast landscapes and dangers encountered on the trail are wrapped in her wry humor and perspectives of the 30's. Mary was a nurse who moved to Alaska to the Taku Lodge in 1930 aboard a yacht, which also carried lavender bathroom fixtures and a cow. She was a pilot, a stewardess, a musher, a homesteader, a movie actress, a territorial government candidate, and more...and so loved her adopted Alaska. The author, a relative, has included the adventures and photos of her life from the family farm in Baraboo, Wisconsin where she was born until her death in 1976 in Juneau. Mostly all of Mary's clippings, photos and writings have been donated to the "Mary Joyce Collection" in the State of Alaska Library Historical Collections and the Juneau Douglas Museum.

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The author, Mary Anne Greiner, is a relative of Mary Joyce. As a youngster in Wisconsin she remembers the visits of her famous cousin from Alaska, attired in stylish suits and hats from the 20's and 30's, always with a touch of doghair from her beloved huskies. After earning a degree in Journalism from Marquette University, a tour in the Navy, and 2 Peace Corps stints in Iran and Micronesia, Greiner moved to Juneau in 1969. She relished her years near Joyce, learning much about her 1,000 mile story and joining her twice at the Taku Lodge. She was with Mary Joyce when

she died in Juneau in 1976, and promised herself she'd write Mary's story someday...someday is 30 years later.

Mary Joyce was an amazing woman who in her early 30's, sets out on a 1,000 mile dog sled trek on largely uncharted terrain - alone. Her entire life was not only cutting edge for a woman but indeed for any human being. And she succeeded famously. Wish I could have met her.

Many women worked to build this country "out of the limelight" so to speak, and as I had cause to visit Taku Lodge this fall, was completely enamoured with the very amazing life of Mary Joyce. What a truly amazing, head strong woman, and I thank God for her and all like her who dared to be non-conformists in a dominately male environment!!!

Couldn't put it down, what a brave and wonderful woman would have loved to meet her! I can not imagine the energy for her life

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