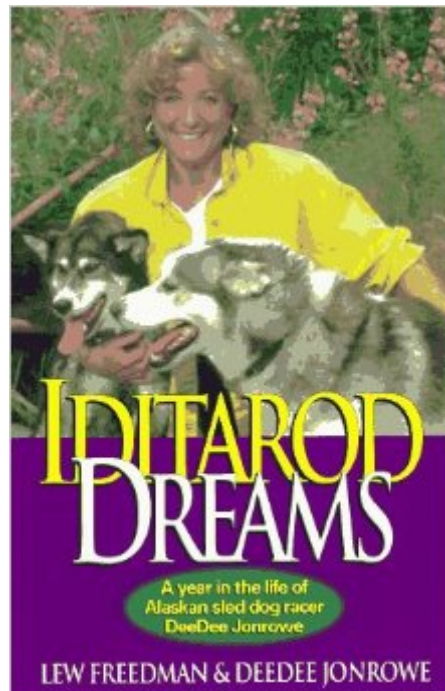


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Iditarod Dreams: A Year In The Life Of Alaskan Sled Dog Racer DeeDee Jonrowe



Synopsis

DeeDee Jonrowe loves dogs, and her consuming passion is the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Winter and summer, virtually day and night (even in her dreams!), she and her huskies prepare for the annual race across Alaska. IDITAROD DREAMS is an absorbing, personal account of a year in the life of this remarkable woman living on the edge of the wilderness with her husband, Mike, and enough howling huskies to populate a small town. It is about the special bond between a woman and her dogs and about the astonishing measure of skill and stamina required to compete in the Iditarod.

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Customer Reviews

DeeDee Jonrowe is one of the best known mushers in Alaska. She is a consistent top ten iditarod finisher. Her dog care is truly among the best. This is her story of what it is like to run this tough race with her friends, the huskies. Are there hardships? Yes, but those come to everyone in life. The review here by Ms. Glickman is so wrong on so many levels that one should read this book just to see how Ms. Glickman slants the truth. The Iditarod is not about dog abuse. It is about people and their dogs, training themselves as athletes, to cross the harsh Alaskan Wilderness. I found it to be most inspiring.

Dee Dee Jonrowe is one of the most-loved mushers in all of Alaska. I met her when I volunteered in Nome and in Anchorage. When I saw her book, I just had to buy it. Her thoughts on raising puppies, training sleddogs, and being on the trail out in the wilderness will charm anyone. Light a fire in the

fireplace, sit back in your easy chair with a cup of hot chocolate and travel the Iditarod trail across Alaska. You'll be cozy and warm, but the book will make you feel like you are right there with Dee Dee.

What a pleasure to have met Dee Dee Jonrowe. She is one of the most honest, caring persons I've ever met. How sad that critics have not bothered to meet her and learn of her love: The Iditarod. She is an inspiration to those who know her and I've been blest knowing her. The book is wonderful and should be "required reading." That's the teacher coming out in me.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading about the incredible relationship between mushers and their dogs. Many animal lovers dream of a job where you can really spend time with your pets, mushers live that every day. As a person interested in animal welfare, I am familiar with the concerns that have been raised about the Iditarod. However, I've actually seen the race myself, and it is crystal clear that what makes those dogs run is the love of the sport itself, and an incredible devotion to the "Lead Dog" who just happens to be human. It is also clear that a love for the dogs is the primary motivation for the mushers. The life of an Iditarod musher is not easy, in fact, it appears that the "dog's life" is the easy one here! I highly recommend this book to anyone who is interested in learning more about sled dog racing or life in Alaska.

I have had the pleasure of meeting DeeDee on many occasions and I can say without hesitation she is one of the most respected women in mushing and in her community. Her book is all about her passion, her sleddogs, her best friends, and her adventure with them... her love for these wonderful dogs, her commitment to them, and to mushing. She is one of the most amazing, strong, honest and intelligent women I have ever met... read this book, it's worth much more than it's cost. You will feel as if you have just taken a trip down the Iditarod trail with your own team of amazing huskies... what a pleasure to be able to share this through DeeDee. I can't say enough about her or her book... just trust this and other reviews and don't miss this book...

DeeDee Jonrowe is one of the few women racing at a competitive level in this sport. And I use the word "sport" advisedly. I am an Iditarod volunteer and the athleticism of the mushers never ceases to amaze me. Many run uphill behind the sled to conserve the dogs' energy. I loved DeeDee's insights into the day-to-day lifestyle of a musher. She writes of bonding with the puppies "I snuggle with them all the time. You can never waste time by sitting still and cuddling a puppy." She describes

the process of training - beginning in the fall with a four-wheeler in Neutral. First they go on short runs, then longer and longer. If you've ever been pulled on your daily walk by your own dog you can imagine the pulling-power of ten or so sleddogs in harness. DeeDee writes about the satisfaction of overcoming adversity. And her commitment to her dogs. "...I have enough drive in myself to provide for my dogs, to make sure they are okay. I would rather help them than sleep. That's my internal drive." That drive was recognized by the volunteer veterinarians when they selected DeeDee to win the much-coveted Leonhard Seppala Humanitarian Award. It is given to the musher who has demonstrated outstanding care of his or her team throughout the race. DeeDee often visits schools and is a much-sought-after inspirational speaker. She is a gifted athlete and a kind and sweet person.

I have read this book, found it most inspiring, and learned so much from DeeDee Jonrowe.. This book has been an example in 'endurance' for me for every day living.... There should be more books like this one.. DeeDee is a special person who loves her dogs. Once you open the cover, it's impossible to lay it down till you read the last page.... Worth reading, and learning from... how she cares for the dogs, loves them, as they ARE her best friends.. And after traveling to Alaska and visiting in Denali Nat. Park, seeing the dogs there, I realized just how MUCH the dogs love to run. It's their life.. a life they love. There is so much to learn from the dogs and the 'mushers'. And this book takes you to the 'real experience' of running with the dogs. Quite inspiring. I would recommend it to anyone who wants to know the truth, and how it 'really is'.. An excellent book.!!!

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