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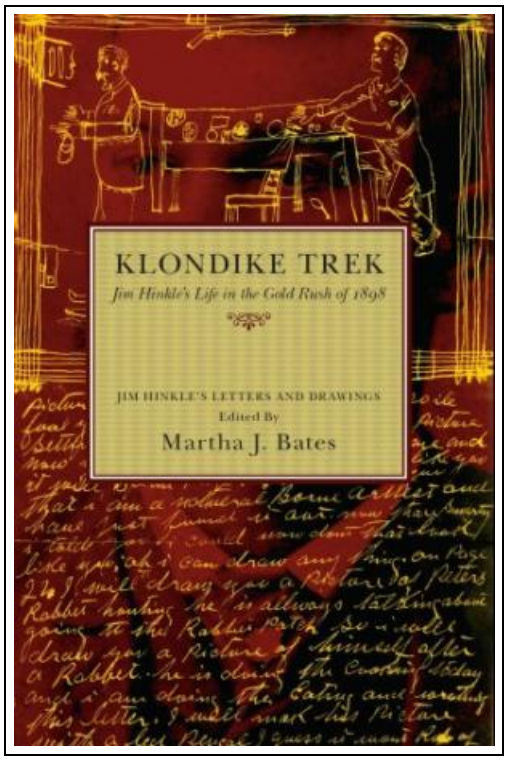

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Ketchhikan Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. James W. Hinkle (illustrator). Perfect Paperback. 318 pages. Dimensions: 8.8in. x 6.0in. x 0.9in.The letters and diary of James Hinkle tell a complete story of his travels during the Klondike gold rush of 1897-98. From the time of his arrival in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, he wrote day-by-day accounts of his experiences in letters to his family. As he traveled northward, he would write until such time as he met someone coming out of the wilderness who could take his letter to Edmonton to be mailed. Many times these would be Hudsons Bay representatives, who would occasionally have a letter for him from his family, although these were far too few. Hinkle lived in the small Midwest town of Mattoon, Illinois, and, even there, the talk and excitement of the gold rush had stirred in the hearts of many men the latent desire for quick riches. Some of the more prominent men who had just a little more money than the average person yet not quite enough to satisfy them, decided to form a company called the Security Mining and Investment Company. Their idea was to send three men to the Klondike, outfit them completely, pay their expenses and expect a gold mine in return. To get this project on its way, they sold stock in the company and all who bought it also expected to get their fair share of gold in due time. There were alternate land and sea routes available. Some thought the Inland Passage up the west coast was the better route, but this was expensive, with passage hard to obtain and the mighty Chilkoot Pass to negotiate after completing the boat trip. Furthermore, six hundred miles of wilderness separated the pass from Dawson. Therefore, it was agreed the men would...

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