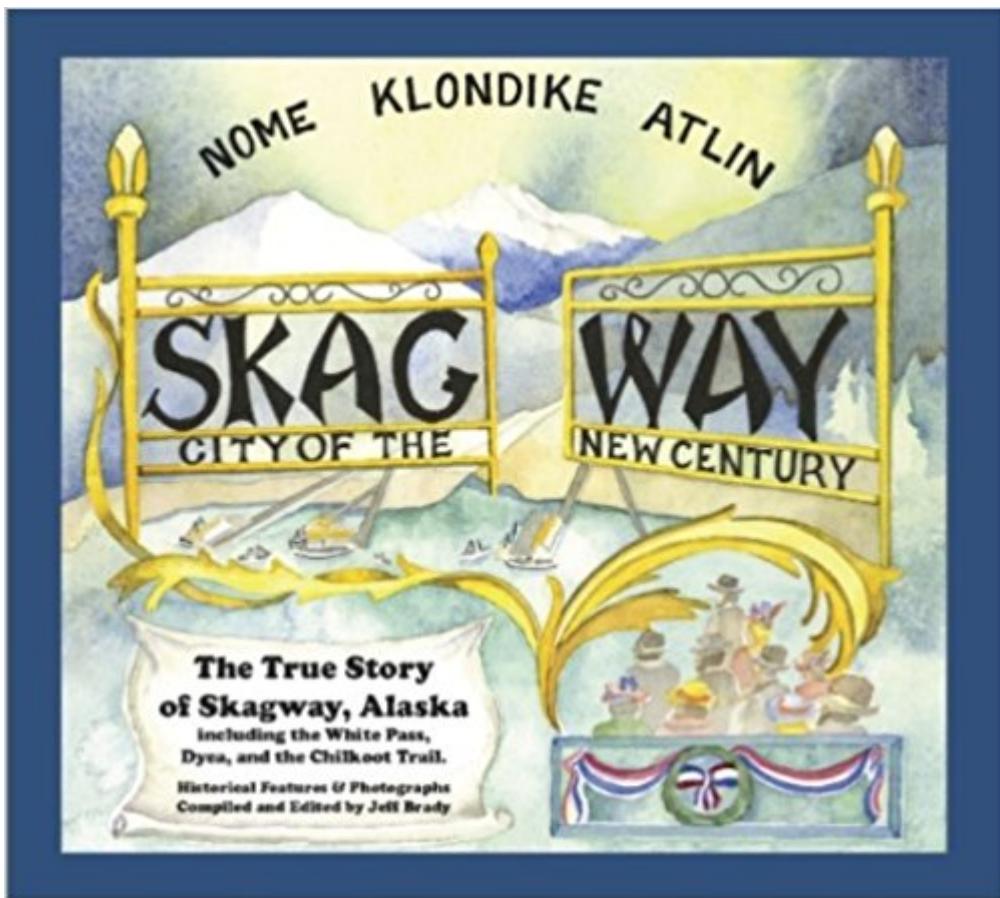


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Skagway: City Of The New Century



Synopsis

ShgagwÃ©i, as it was first called centuries ago by the Tlingit for the "bunched up water" in its bay caused by strong winds, was discovered in 1887 by a father and son with visions of a gateway port to the riches of the Yukon and Alaska. Ten years later, after the discovery of gold in the Klondike, their vision came true with the arrival of prospectors from all over the world. Skagway and nearby Dyea were rival towns, booming from the rush for gold. Each had multiple newspapers which chronicled the stampede and the competition between the White and Chilkoot passes, but Skagway won the war with the construction of the White Pass & Yukon Route railway and settled on a way to spell its name. The community has survived smaller booms and busts since, but remains a vital tourism and industrial port as the Gateway to the Klondike. In 1898 editors called Skagway the "City of the New Century". In this book of stories and photographs, the rich history of this area and its people is chronicled through that new century, and into the next.

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Customer Reviews

Jeff Brady arrived in the Skagway community in 1974. With a degree in American Studies and a background in journalism, he revived the town's original newspaper, The Skagway News. He and his wife, Dorothy own Skagway News Depot & Books and the Alderworks Alaska Writers and Artists Retreat. He is also a founding director of the North Words Writers Symposium. They live in Skagway and Dyea, Alaska.

Loved the reading in this book! Good explanations of Skagway and its history

This is an awesome book, really happy with all the native history and detail of the old Skagway. It is very well written and has so much information. A must have if you are interested at all in the gold rush, Skagway, or that era or area in general. Note: There are also a good amount of info on Dyea, which is pretty special.

The b&w historical photos were very interesting. The history of Skagway is epic and Jeff Brady has done a masterful job of capturing it. Highly recommended.

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