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Account of winter camping with sled dogs hailed as an 'instant classic'

NINE DOG WINTER is delightful read for armchair travellers, and great reference on pioneer lifestyle

(Victoria, BC) – Noted publisher/entrepreneur/author Bruce Batchelor has just released *Nine Dog Winter*, a merry recounting of a winter spent in a remote Yukon cabin with a plucky companion and nine mis-matched sled dogs.

The story begins with Batchelor in search of a 'heater' – a female companion willing to share the workload and keep him warm at nights. Marsha McGillis might not have accepted his proposition had she known what was ahead – camping without a tent at –40° and colder, bloody dog fights, falling through the river ice, winter bears, a murder by the local madman, and more.

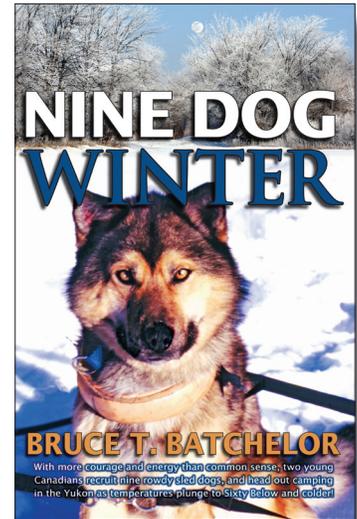
"[Nine Dog Winter] is a real page turner," says filmmaker David Pettigrew in an advance review. "I couldn't wait to see what was around the next bend in the trail as I raced through this delightful read. It's an instant classic about Canada's North as experienced by two plucky southerners."

Indeed Batchelor says he was inspired in his writing by two Northern classics – *Dangerous River* by R.M. Patterson and *Come a Long Journey* by Allen Fry. "Neither author shied away from including both gritty details of bush life and one's deepest thoughts, while spinning a gripping adventure story."

Yukon Channel Charts, Batchelor's first book in 1975, was a regional bestseller. Subsequently he produced *The Lost Whole Moose Catalogue: A Yukon Way of Knowledge* which became a national bestseller in 1979 and spawned two sequels.

Fans of wilderness lifestyle will feast on the profuse detail in 11 appendices, where Batchelor meticulously explains how to construct moccasins, toboggans, ice picks and dog packs among other necessities, all using traditional materials and techniques.

Nine Dog Winter: Camping with Sled Dogs in Canada's Yukon by Bruce T. Batchelor, from Agio Publishing House, Victoria. ISBN 978-1-897435-17-5 (trade paperback); 354 pp; \$23.99. Release date September 2008.



HOT TOPICS

- What does it feel and look like at –68°F (–56°C)?
- How do you stay warm?
- Was it dangerous? Were you frightened?
- Could I hire a guide and go dog mushing like you did?
- How did this Yukon winter impact the rest of your life?
- How is global warming impacting the northern wilderness lifestyle?

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After college (Mathematics at University of Waterloo), Bruce Batchelor went to Whitehorse intending to stay just long enough to earn money for bumming around Europe. The Yukon, however, cast its spell and he was still there many years later, writing and camping, fascinated with the traditional bush lifestyle.

Now, after a quarter century and an urban career (including being CEO of a multinational media corporation and inventing print-on-demand publishing), he's dusting off his old manuscripts while planning new outdoors adventures. He and wife Marsha (yes, she married him despite that winter) own Agio Publishing House. He frequently presents at writers' gatherings and universities; his blog is bookmarketing.agiopublishing.com. He is available for interviews and presentations.