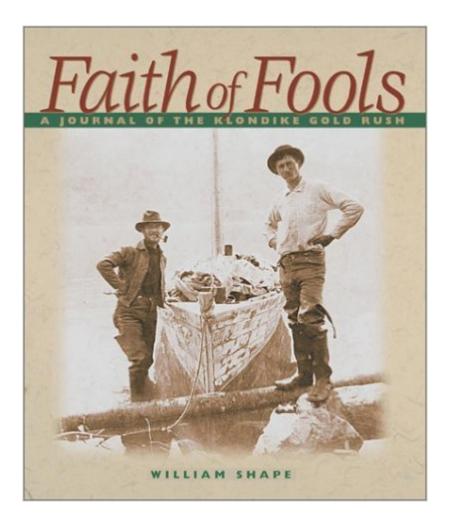
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Faith Of Fools: A Journal Of The Klondike Gold Rush





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Discovered in a California flea market nearly a hundred years after the Klondike gold rush, William Shape's original journal and photographs give a very human dimension to the journey undertaken by vast hordes of prospectors who headed north in the late 1890s. Venturing into one of the most remote and inhospitable areas of North America, Shape recorded daily the hardships and dangers, along with the beauty and satisfaction of his 1897-98 trip. His journal and candid snapshots vividly recreated the frenzy that drew thousands of would-be prospectors to the frozen north. Faith of Fools provides a rare opportunity to live history in the first person, traveling to the gold fields with those ordinary prospectors who made that long, laborious trip.

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I was floored by this book. It is diary of a group of men traveling to the yukon in search of gold. I was amazed at the things that they went through. In our relatively easy modren life, It is good to read about what extremes people would go through in the old days. To say that they had a rough journey would be an understatement. I would recommend this to anyone who wants to get a feel for what it must have been like to ber part of the gold rush in the Yukon territory.

Great book that deals with the real everyday issues that came up when men tried so hard to get somewhere without thinking about what they would need to survive. Evidently, Survival 101 at the local Home Depot was not yet on the curriculum. Great read.

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