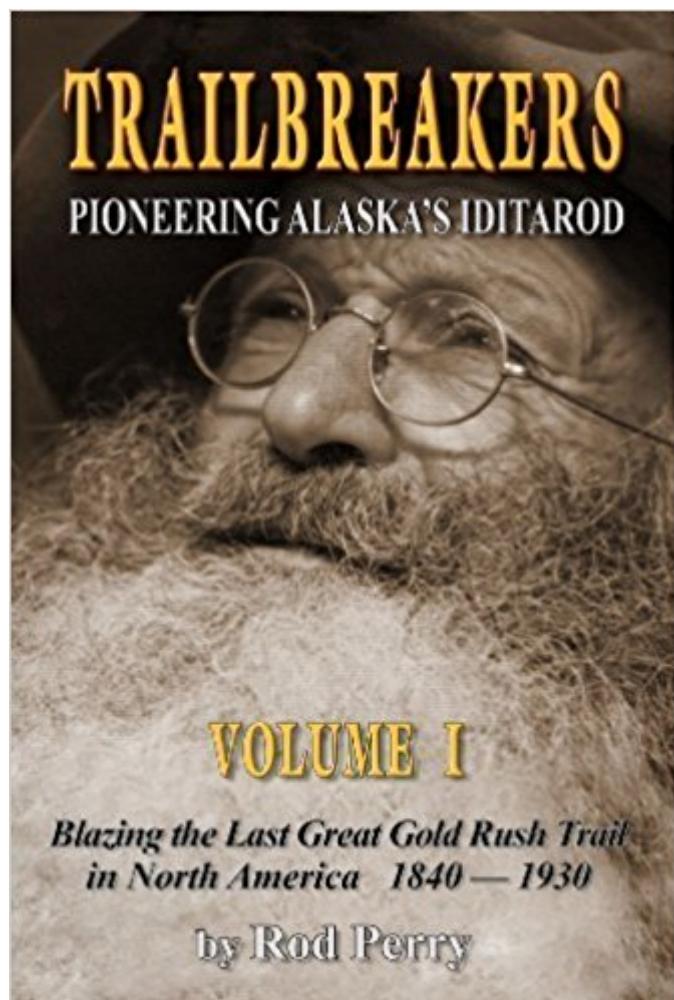


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# TrailBreakers: Pioneering Alaska's Iditarod, Vol. 1



## **Synopsis**

Trail Breakers is the most complete, most accurate telling of how the fabled Iditarod Trail came to be. As it relates the 1840-1930 progression of events establishing the Last Great Gold Rush Trail in North America, this book educates and corrects long-standing myths and misinformation that have grown up. It interests and entertains, filled as it is with humorous anecdotes and colorful gold rush tales. Anyone acquainted with Rod Perry as a raconteur knows he couldn't write history any other way.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Walk down Main Street in Anchorage, Alaska and you can buy a copy of this book and it's sequel straight from Rod Perry. He'll sign them for you and tell you even more Alaska stories. Every person interested in Alaska should own copies of these books by Rod Perry. I remember as a kid reading the book about Libby Riddle, the first woman to win the Iditarod, and Rod Perry was one of the people who showed up a number of times in her book. Alaska is a place where people can still dream. This book shows you why.

If you find yourself walking down 4th Avenue in downtown Anchorage, stop by and visit with Rob Perry, the author of this book. I say visit, rather than just look or buy a book, because Rod is a raconteur of the first degree. He is out there with his dog all day long (and the days can be long there) and loves to converse. About anything. Absolutely anything. Rob is well read, well spoken and tells the truth about all things Alaska. I fancy myself a writer and visited Rod several times to

expand my mind on a variety of subjects. Be it the young couple visiting from Israel or the kid carrying a skateboard, Rod could engage them in an intelligent and knowing conversation that catches most by surprise and delight. After finishing both of Rod's volumes, I feel I not only know Alaska on a first name basis, but feel the hopelessness, enthusiasm and longing of the spirit that formed Alaska. I got goose bumps typing the previous sentence, because it is now part of me. I will return to Anchorage in mid-May (by Rod's advise) to introduce my wife to my (and everyone's) friend, Rod.

Not only a history of Alaska , but also many stories from his family's friends that were the foundation to opening that great state to the world. Need to read both books to receive the full story of the Iditarod.

I'm a big fan of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race and even give presentations about it at our local elementary school, so I was really excited when I heard about this book and couldn't wait to read it. I'm almost 1/2 way through it (page 190 of 334 pages) and I'm FINALLY getting to something about the town of Iditarod. If I wouldn't have paid good money for this, I WOULD NOT still be reading it! In fact, several times within the first 25 pages, I put it down and seriously considered not bothering with the rest of the book. IF you're a fan of who did what, when and where, then this book will probably please you. IF you know A LOT about the geography of the Yukon Territory in Canada (without looking at maps) then you will probably enjoy this book. If not, then don't bother buying it. The author goes into great detail about who did what and when concerning looking for gold in the Yukon Territory. Unfortunately, he mentions so many people and so many locations, without having enough maps, that it is difficult to comprehend it all or to keep everything straight. He switches between several speakers with each giving his/her own rendition of the SAME incident, which is boring. Even more annoying is his inclusion of French phrases, without giving the reader any clue as to their meaning in English. Before you go out and buy this book, check with your library to see if you can borrow it. That way you won't waste your money purchasing a copy. Since it's a paperback, it wouldn't even make a good door stop.

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