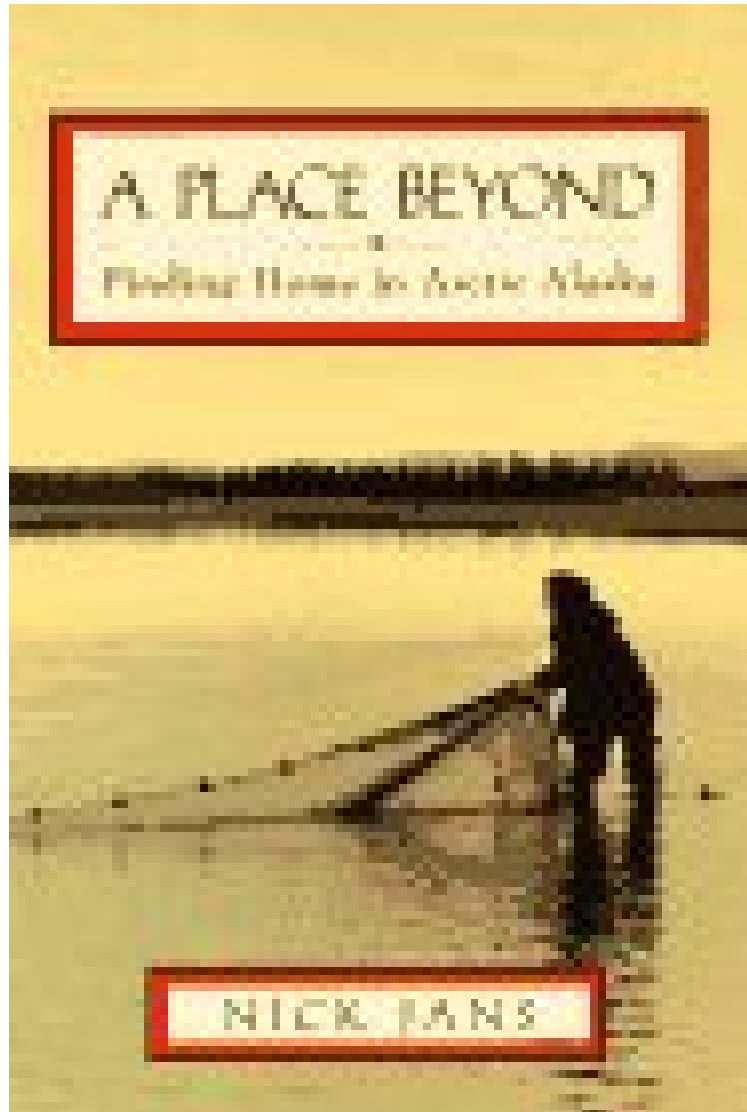


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What has always impressed me about Jans writing is his modesty and ability to describe scenes aptly without exaggerationJans can write about wolves and caribou and ice mostly engagingly, but he is at his best telling of himself and his friends. --- Bill Hunt, *We Alaskans*