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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Arctic Odyssey: The Diary of Diamond Jenness, 1913-1916:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This is the OG ethnographic and archaeological diary. By Erik D. Hilsinger A fascinating first person account with less editing out of the gory details of ethnographic and archaeological fieldwork in the Arctic back when it was for real. DJ et al walked off the Karluk, which had its own misadventures, and went on about their business, camping near Nuiqsut back in the day before moving on down the coast to near modern Kaktovik, then to Herschel in Canada. I use this to get a better idea of Inupiat land use patterns back in the day. Also some of the best and only accounts of mid Beaufort Sea coast -baseline for impacts and changes to the coastline from climate change.

The Arctic Odyssey of Diamond Jenness, presented here with the immediacy and humanity of a private journal, simply could not now happen. That Arctic world of 1913-1916 no longer exists. Its climate and geography remain, but the people, their ways of living, feeling, thinking, believing, and behaving, vanished and are now only lost, vague memories in a few, very old minds. For such reasons, Jenness's Arctic journal holds vital content. It provides us insight at ground level of his long, tough voyage of discovery, so that anyone interested in Arctic America or Canadian studies will find this journal a rare and enriching experience. Further, for Arctic scholars, this journal presents the detailed context for those pioneer monographs that launched the career of young Jenness and led to his becoming

Canada's preeminent anthropologist.