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Andy Turnbull, Debora Pearson : By Truck to the North: My Arctic Adventure (Adventure Travel) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised By Truck to the North: My Arctic Adventure (Adventure Travel):

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"A bone-chilling silence filled the truck. We were north of the Arctic Circle on a road made of ice -- not pavement or gravel like a regular road, just a bumpy surface of frozen water. Under the ice flowed dangerous waters, deep enough to drown in -- if the shocking cold didn't kill you first. I glanced out the window and shivered..." Adventure is just around the corner when you climb aboard an 18-wheeler and join Andy Turnbull on his eye-opening trip to the Arctic. You're along for the ride as he befriends a trucker's dog, views the Northern Lights, gets caught in a whiteout, and explores the ice roads of the Far North. Short sidebars of information that accompany Andy's story reveal what's inside a truck's cab, why camels once carried goods through this part of North America, what kids love about live in the Arctic, and much more. Colourful maps (essential traveler's tools) help you follow Andy's route chapter by chapter!

From School Library Journal Grade 4-8-Ever wonder what a trip in a truck across frozen rivers beyond the Arctic Circle would be like? Turnbull describes his adventures accompanying Bill Rutherford, a produce merchant and long-

distance trucker, on a trip from Vancouver, British Columbia, to the Arctic villages of Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk in the dead of winter. The book is full of interesting facts about their journey, which entails driving through the "Arctic desert" and across ice roads that are actually frozen rivers. A near-miss encounter with a moose prompts inset information on this animal. Tidbits about the Gold Rush add historical background to the trucker's route. Visually appealing maps, fact inserts, and full-color photographs appear throughout the fascinating text, and pertinent Web sites are appended. This book brings the history and geography of the Arctic and the world of long-distance truck driving to life. Children will be intrigued by the idea of trekking around the world; both *By Truck to the North* and its companion title, *52 Days by Camel* (Annick, 1998), by Lawrie Raskin and Pearson, are fine titles to launch junior adventurers and/or reluctant readers into the excitement of reading. Mollie Bynum, formerly at Chester Valley Elementary School, Anchorage, AK Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Gr. 4[^]-6. Turnbull tagged along with an adventurous trucker named Bill on a trip from Vancouver to the Arctic Circle in an 18-wheeler. He relates the details of the exciting and often dangerous trip in this well-written, nicely illustrated account. Breaks in the narration come in the form of interesting sidebars and captioned photos, which cover everything from the history of some of the towns along the route and what children like about living in the Arctic to CB slang. Maps illustrated with small drawings and comments from Turnbull accompany each chapter, providing opportunity for follow-up map activities at home or in the classroom. In fact, the book touches on so many subjects that teachers can use it as a starting point for studies of the gold rushes of the 1800s, the northern lights, arctic weather, ghost towns, and more. Web sites on related topics are among resources appended. Lauren Peterson Winner of the 1999 Norma Fleck Award for Children's Non-Fiction, Canadian Children's Book Centre -- Canadian Children's Book Centre[A] fine title to launch junior adventurers and/or reluctant readers into the excitement of reading. -- School Library Journal, January 1999