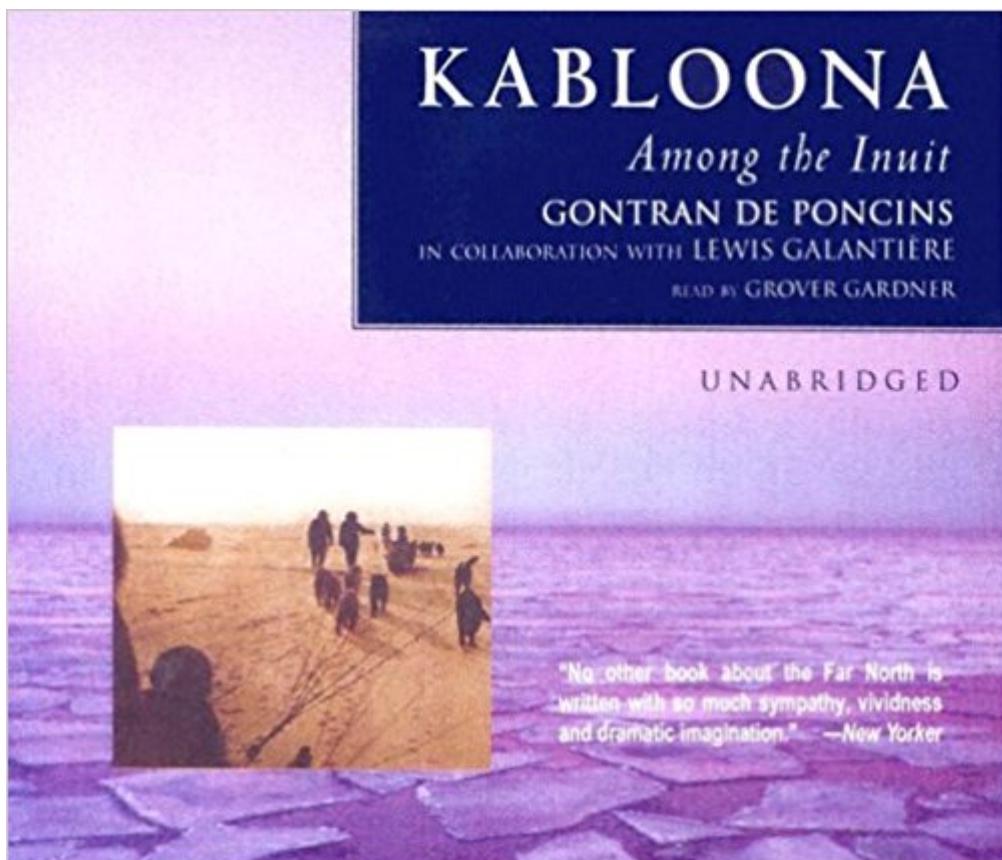


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Kabloona: Among The Inuit



Synopsis

This extraordinary classic has been variously acclaimed as one of the great books of adventure, travel, anthropology, and spiritual awakening. In 1938 and 1939, a French nobleman spent fifteen months living among the Inuit people of the Arctic. He was at first appalled by their way of life: eating rotten raw fish, sleeping with each others' wives, ignoring schedules, and helping themselves to his possessions. Indeed, most Europeans would be overwhelmed merely by the smells Poncins encountered in the igloos. But as de Poncins's odyssey continues, he is transformed from Kabloona, the White Man, an uncomprehending outsider, to someone who finds himself living, for a few short months, as Inuk: a man, preeminently. He opens his eyes to the world around him, a harsh but beautiful world unlike any other, and allows himself to be fully immersed in its culture.

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In this 1941 volume De Poncins relates his 15 months spent among the Inuit people of the Arctic. He is initially appalled at their uncivilized lifestyle but eventually morphs from a "Kabloona" (a white man) to an Eskimo. A good volume for public and academic sociology collections. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

No other book about the Far North is written with so much sympathy, vividness and dramatic imagination. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This book opened my eyes as to a far different life than any I was familiar with - terrible physical

conditions and danger. Far more insight to life in far north than the film "Nanook" portrayed 20 years before. Have given many copies of Kabloona to friends. Since reading the book, have been fortunate enough to travel over most of Newfoundland and Labrador - these travels showed me the results today from misguided efforts by the government and religious organizations to attempt to bring social, educational and medical benefits to a nomadic people. The Canadian author Farley Mowat has written some excellent books on the same area and people.

Truly transporting to another time, another world!

This is an incredible story about a young man who is tired of the endless monotony and seemingly emptiness of life. He travels to the Central Arctic and lives with the Canadian Eskimos. He lives the next year or so as an Eskimo, not just with the Eskimo. Hunting and eating raw seal meat, making and living in an igloo, the extreme cold and the love for one another and the acceptance of the white man, the "Kabloona". You have got to read this story. The story sucks you in and spits you out at the end as if you were actually there.

I read this book 10 years ago and never could get it out of my head. I had to read it again, recommend to everyone, and own it. The author, the most interesting man in the world, changes as he lives with the Inuit. His insights on people, their environment, and relationships teaches him and us that underneath all the exterior trappings, we are more alike than different. One of the best books I've ever read.

The time, the 1920s, the author a French aristocrat, the place the wild north and the original First People, untouched by the rest of the world. What could be more interesting and absorbing. Who is more civilized, who has the most fulfilling life. I bought this book to read over and over. If you have any interest in Anthropology this book should be added to your collection.

Kabloona is a classic true memoir of a Jesuit priest sent to the Arctic..I read it and loved it when I was in my twenties and living primitively in the cold and now my teen age son is reading and liking it.

I read Kabloona many years ago in the original brown cloth binding. I was very pleased to see that it is still in print & I'm enjoying my second time through. It is truly a classic.

I ordered the book for a friend. I had previously read it about 20 years ago. It was an experiment in extremely difficult living by eskimos during the 1920's written in the first person by a French explorer/adventurer.

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