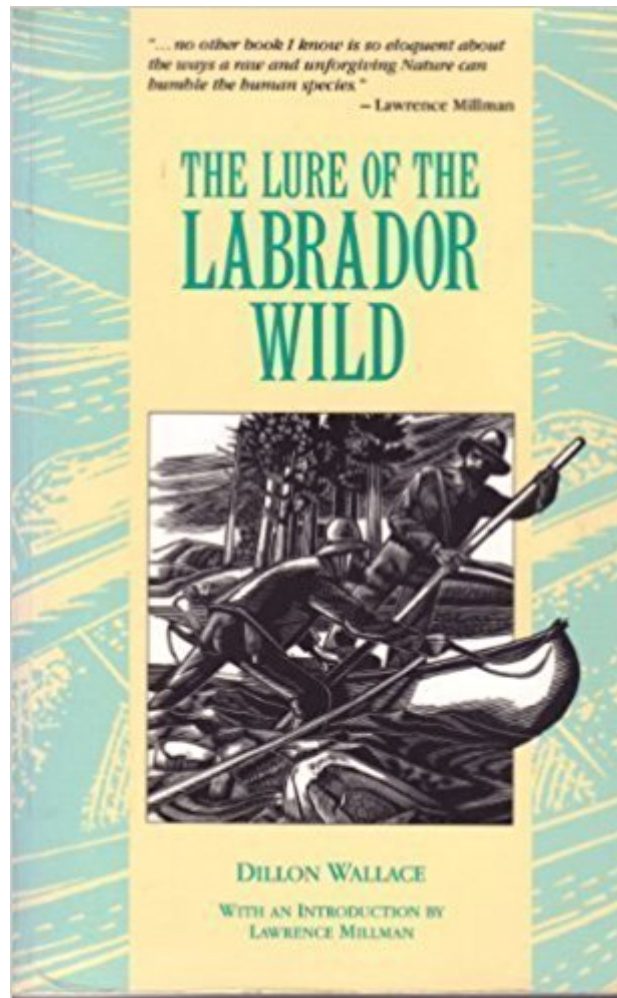




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Customer Reviews

The Labrador interior has long held the well-deserved reputation of being one of the most inhospitable places on earth. It is a patchwork of Canadian shield granites and sphagnum moss, labyrinthine caribou trails and desolate subarctic barrens, all set against glacier-scoured hills stretching to an apparently limitless horizon. In the late spring of 1903, Leonidas Hubbard, a young writer, and Dillon Wallace, a forty-year-old New York attorney, set off with George Elson, a native guide with no firsthand knowledge of their destination, to explore the incompletely mapped Lake Michikamau region of interior Labrador. Beset by delays, the men paddled past their intended route, the Naskaupi River, and headed up the treacherous Susan River instead. When in early September they finally glimpsed the vast waters of Michikamau from the top of an unknown mountain, Labrador's cold winds had begun. With scant scraps of food remaining, the three began a

desperate struggle against starvation and the rapidly approaching and unforgiving winter as they raced home for their lives. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Dillon Wallace (1863-1939) was an American lawyer, outdoorsman, author of non-fiction, fiction and magazine articles. His first book, *The Lure of the Labrador Wild* (1905) was a best-seller, as were many of his later books. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I purchased this book for a family member who is a descendant of Mr. Hubbard. she loved this book. if you don't know this story, you will enjoy this book. it is a fascinating adventure.

The Lure of the Labrador Wild is one of, if not the best, novels about exploration and adventure I have ever read. Wallace's writing is so descriptive you can almost feel the hunger pangs of starvation and feel the sub-zero temperatures, rain, snow and wind. The story reveals the true character of the three explorers and their love for and loyalty to each other when it seems they are the only living beings left in the world. You cannot help but share their pain and grief as they slip deeper and deeper into the tragedy of their expedition. The fact that it is all true and actually happened makes it even more incredible. I immediately ordered Wallace's sequel to this great book in order to, like Wallace himself, finish the expedition originally undertaken so hopefully by Leonidas Hubbard. Don't pass up this excellent book.

This is one of my favorite books of all time. I was disappointed with the beginning pages, in French. The type for the text of the book looked more like an old computer-printer font than a font that I would like to read. The size of the book was not conducive to carrying around to enjoy when possible.

Edge of the seat drama but extremely educational at the same time. So glad to find this book back in print.

I first read this book on the IPAD, it's free at iBooks. Loved the book so much, I ordered the paperback so I could loan it out. It has made the rounds and everyone loved it. Must read.

A map is continually referred to in the text of the book. Printed without the map, this book is worthless. A map should be sent to everyone who has purchased this book. I have not received the

map that is supposed to go with this book yet. How about it?

I cannot say enough about the content and the form of this book. It beautifully informs the reader not only of the enthusiasm of two would-be wilderness pioneers, but also of the errors they did not know they had made along the way to a tragic end. I get the feeling that the author, who wrote the book (according to the introduction) as a tribute to his lost mate, never overlooks or overplays any of the events that took place in the then-unchartered terrain of eastern Labrador. The author also makes plain that the voyage ended his youthful naivete by teaching him the necessity of respecting the natural world and of remembering our loves who slowly but surely disappear from our lives. In short, *Lure Of the Labrador Wild*, despite its drab title, is an engrossing work. It is quiet, clearly written and, in a matter-of-fact way, terrifying. It towers far above all other nonfiction adventure books I have read over the past ten years.

A wonderful book, very readable and absorbing. The strength and courage of these three men is inspiring and can only be imagined. E.g., making a 40 mile portage, half starving, carrying a canoe and several hundred pounds of supplies and equipment, or having to wade across a river (up to their armpits) that was encrusted with ice along its banks and having their now-wet clothes start to freeze on their bodies while they try to build a fire. However, the 3-star rating is not because of the writing or the adventure: this version (Lyon Press, 2004) has no maps and no photos. Photos would have added another dimension to understanding the spartan hardships of such an adventure, not to mention conveying the author's meanings of barren, difficult, or heart-breaking - all of which I thought were understated. And oddly enough, these photos are readily available - a google search will locate many, and the Canadian Virtual Museum has 67. The photos along with the text would have added substantial impact to the question, "How could they have endured this?" But the lack of a map is intolerable. Maps are referenced half a dozen times by Wallace in the first half a dozen pages: their inaccuracies, their incompleteness, and the details his map now provides. Since a major navigational failing of the expedition is due to an inaccurate map from the Canadian Geological Survey (circa 1896 - and also available online via the CGS website), its absence is unforgivable. Another CGS map that got Hubbard so excited because "Unexplored Territory" was written across northern Labrador is another "must have" exhibit. Without a map, the reader has no idea where these men started, where they wanted to go, where they got lost or how they returned, or can understand the sad realization that a dream predicted an accurate route to safety but was ignored. I spent more time online looking up maps of Labrador, trying to find the various missteps of

the explorers (e.g., the Nascaupsee, Susan, and Beaver Rivers) than I did reading the book. If you don't want to get lost reading this incredible adventure, then buy a version of this book that contains maps. I found this version of the book very frustrating.

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