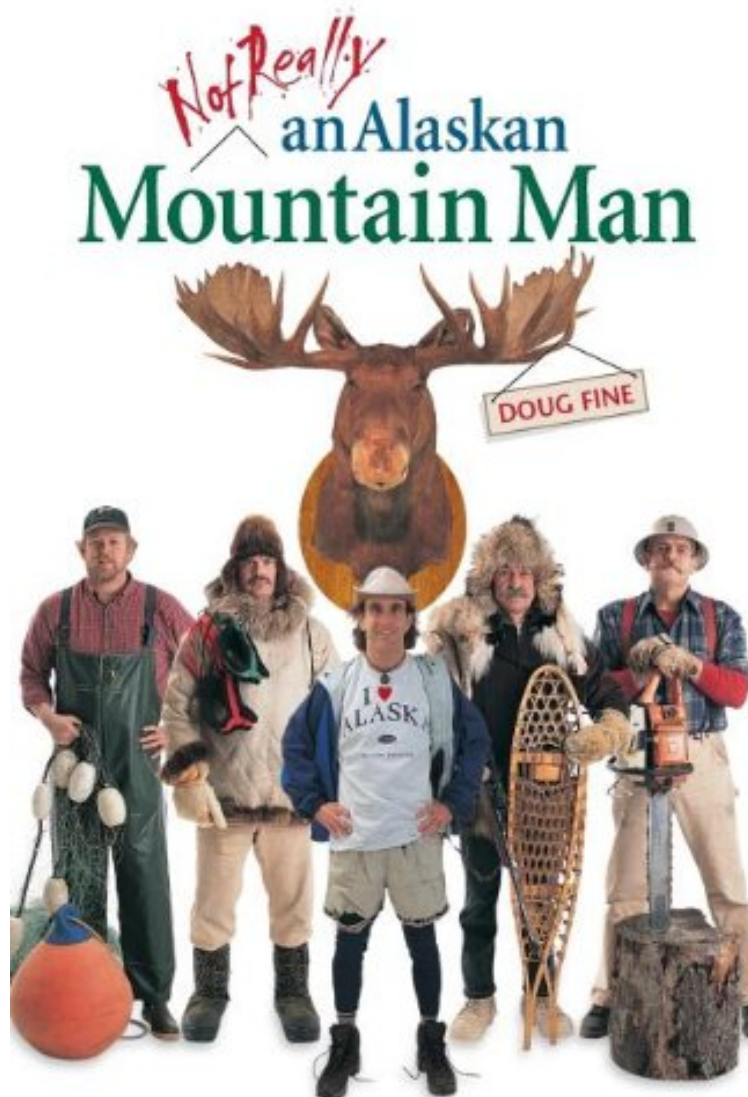


## Not Really an Alaskan Mountain Man

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**Douglas J. Fine : Not Really an Alaskan Mountain Man** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Not Really an Alaskan Mountain Man:

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Now here's a formula for near disaster: East Coast big-city guy, world-traveler, journalist, and otherwise politically savvy fellow settles down in rural Alaska, where men are many and manly, and women with survival skills are good to count among your friends. He wants to fit in. But how does one learn to be a Mountain Man? By observing, imitating, and making near-fatal mistakes, that's how. The choices a boy has to make. Eat processed food or on-the-hoof food, learn to operate a chainsaw or freeze to death, figure out what a bunny boot is or lose a few toes, and by the way, which end of the barrel points up? This is the story of Doug's first difficult winter in a one-room cabin, trying to stay alive and come out of it with some semblance of Alaska cool. With side-splitting, self-deprecating humor, Doug shares his attempts to elevate himself past his perpetual state of greenhorn-ness by aligning himself with tough sourdoughs to someday claim the title of manly Mountain Man.

...a truly entertaining update on the status of the Alaska mystique at the start of the third millennium. -- Fairbanks News-Miner, November 18, 2004 Fine appreciates the natural beauty greeting him each morning, and his descriptions of the Alaskan wilderness are beautiful. -- The Oregonian, January 16, 2005 With a modern-day flair for self-deprecation, Fine recounts the sometimes hilarious, sometimes horrific story of his first difficult winter... -- Tuscon Weekly, January 13, 2005 With humor, Fine writes... he almost found out what [it's] like to see your headless body rolling down a mountainside. -- Albuquerque Journal, May 1, 2005 From the Publisher If you have ever needed a little inspiration to get out of your boring, routine life and try something new, have we got a book for you. Doug Fine moved "outside the box" in a most extreme way, by ditching his concrete suburban life and heading up to rural Alaska in his own personal quest to find himself. Now, you don't have to move to the wilderness to start a new life or to add some adventure to a monotonous existence, but Doug's hilarious story of how he survived his first winter will show you that anything is possible. After all, Doug is just a regular guy living his dream. **NOT REALLY AN ALASKAN MOUNTAIN MAN** will make you laugh and look at your own life in a whole new way. Even if you don't want to leave behind the comforts of home to live your dreams, grab a cup of hot chocolate, cozy up by a warm fire and live a vicarious adventure in Alaska through Doug Fine's **NOT REALLY AN ALASKAN MOUNTAIN MAN**. From the Author I'm an Alaskan author who grew up in the New York suburbs. Although I had a happy childhood, living in concrete and shopping for waxy tomatoes in the supermarket aisle left me feeling like something was missing from my life. I couldn't "do" anything. I couldn't build a doghouse, let alone a cabin. I wanted to feel connected to a sense of place, to a culture, to my source of food, water and shelter. I started as a political, environmental and adventure journalist reporting from Burma to Guatemala to Rwanda, and in 1998 I decided I wanted to fully get back to the Earth. So, with no survival skills at all, I headed for rural Alaska. The resulting tales of misadventure and perseverance (from nearly decapitating myself with a chainsaw to helping an Eskimo family harvest a 45-ton whale) resulted in "Not Really An Alaskan Mountain Man." And I swear, the frostbite was worth it: everything I learned during this time helped solidify my transition into a rural, digital human, and one who, I hope, is on the road to knowing himself. So laugh away – I won't be offended. --Doug Fine