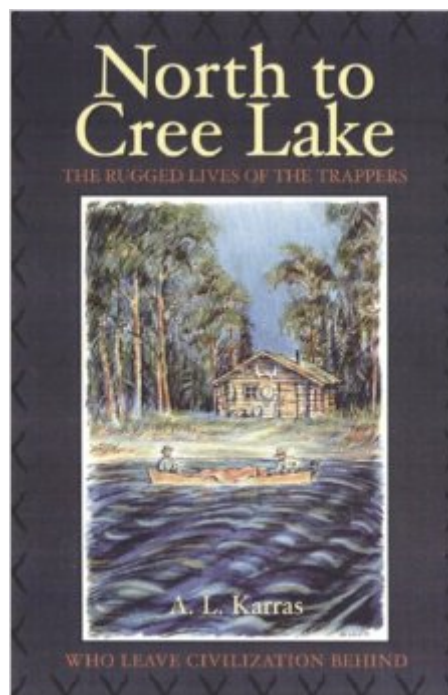


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# North To Cree Lake: The Rugged Lives Of The Trappers Who Leave Civilization Behind (Western Canadian Classics)



## Synopsis

Originally published in 1970, *North to Cree Lake* is the true story of two brothers who embark on the adventure of a lifetime. The onset of the Great Depression meant there were few opportunities for young men on the prairies, so the pair decided to pursue their dream of trapping in the North. This is a vividly recounted tale of life in the northern Saskatchewan wilderness, "the old North, land of mystery and deep silences" only accessible by canoe in summer, by dog team in winter, or by aircraft. The young men embrace the challenges of travelling in the North, and not only survive, but thrive. *North to Cree Lake* is full of fascinating details about everyday life in the North - what they ate, how they travelled, how to prepare moose nose - and offers insights into the men who chose to live in such an isolated and perilous region. Karras wrote *North to Cree Lake* many years after he left northern Saskatchewan, but the clarity of his memories is remarkable, as is his deep love of the North. A farmer's assistant for \$2 a day, a grain buyer, and ultimately a school administrator, Arthur Karras no longer hunted when he returned to civilization but continued to fish. The writing of *North to Cree Lake* occupied his thoughts for many years. Karras lived in Indian Head, Saskatchewan, with his wife and two sons, and wrote one other non-fiction book.

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I read this book while working on a mineral exploration survey in Northern Saskatchewan in 1974. The author and his brother preceded me by some 50-80 years. However many things about this wonderful part of Canada had not changed and it was easy to identify and imagine being with these

fellows as they learned how to live and trap in the bush.... The writing is quite plain; but as the events are real they carry the book... (imagine your bro going lala while you are 500 miles away from the nearest civilization...) Highly recommended for anyone who loves the wilderness and adventure.... I believe I still have a copy kicking around here somewhere... Does anyone know how many copies were printed?

Art Karras' book, about he and his brothers trapping career in northern Saskatchewan is quite factual and certainly illustrates the trials and tribulations faced by the old-time trappers and adventurers in the 1920s and 1930s....

Will be enjoyed by anyone who likes to read about life in the wilderness as it was about 60 years ago. A very matter of fact book that I found very interesting .

I LOVED THIS BOOK,it was one of the few that I got upset over because it ended. I could of kept reading and found myself wanting more. Luckily he has another book that I will get my hands on. Being a Saskatchewan resident, I was familiar with alot of the lakes and towns that he lived and traveled. (Camping at several of the lakes he mentioned)I enjoyed his writing style, descriptions and stories, which take place in the far north during the 1930's. I loved the fact that he went off memory and when he remembered no more about a particular experience, he moved on to the next memory. He just told it like it was. I felt like I could see everything through his eyes, feel the cold they endured, and the "pin drop" quiet of the north. I would highly recommend this book!

I originally obtained this book through interlibrary loan several years ago. Now it has been reprinted so I bought my own copy and read it again. I've gone on canoeing trips in this beautiful area of Saskatchewan. When the author and his older brother were in their late teens they went north to become trappers for seven years rather than try to find work during the Depression. Each chapter deals with a different aspect of life in the bush such as trapping, the meals they ate, the indians, bears, etc. A.L. Karras also wrote "Face the North Wind", also about trapping in northern Saskatchewan. This is also a fine book that has been reprinted.

I enjoyed this book very much! I have had the opportunity to fish in some of the lakes mentioned in the book. I am very interested in the history of Saskatchewan (my home province ) and in the people that settled it.

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