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Eric Sevareid : Canoeing with the Cree before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Canoeing with the Cree:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Sevareid has made it easy to be proud that you are oneBy Jay RunnerAn earlier reviewer mentioned a certain call, a certain similarity, a formless link to a couple of Jack London's works in the genre of literary naturalism. Sevareid is instead writing of the actual, is essentially writing a narrative with few symbols and metaphors compared with London's inspiring fiction that also runs deep into the heart. The Call of the Wild and White Fang often came to my mind also. I wonder if Port and Sevareid had read London? I'd bet they had.The call is to remove oneself from electrified and plumbed shelter, from safety and comfort, and to go long into the quiet wild. If that call has been previously heard, Canoeing with the Cree will call one forth again, and it might make the initial call.If you're a Minnesotan, a Midwesterner, or an American, Sevareid has made it easy to be proud that you are one, and without intencion to have that effect on his readers. His and Port's trip up into the great Northland was a monumental accomplishment.One of my nephews says he knows all about canoeing, that he learned it on a computer game. I wish that he would read this book, but always some device is in his hands and has all his attention.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Adventure story like no other.By carmenmirandaI bought this book on a whim because I had read Eric Sevareid's "Not So Wild a Dream" and liked it very much. This book is absolutely amazing. An adventure story on the order of Call of the Wild or White Fang. Two young men, just out of high school, undertake an extremely dangerous canoe trip which has never been done before. I think a key phrase would be 'unbeknownst to them'. They did not know it would be so grueling, so long or so treacherous. They were young, athletic outdoorsmen and thought they could do anything. It probably has something to do with today's

prevalence of cell phones, GPS devices, sophisticated camping and outdoor gear, and most people's basic lack of first-hand experience of wilderness in general, that makes this story so remarkable and totally thrilling. You just can't believe what these two young men go through or how they can summon the fortitude to finish the over 2,000 mile long canoe trip, full of obstacles, one after another after another. Freezing cold, rain, so many mosquitoes they could kill a man, getting lost, no maps, no fire, unexpected Indian encounters--can they trust them or not? It could mean paddling hours or days in the wrong direction. No food, unexpected miles and miles of portages, overturned canoes....the list goes on and on and on. There was a wild-ness that I don't think we can ever know again. Eric Sevareid's narrative is so understated and compelling I sometimes could not believe what I just read....they did WHAT? When it was over, I felt like those two young men could have accomplished anything. Eric Severaid became a newsman and traveled the world. I don't know about the other one. But I'll bet he accomplished whatever he set out to do. I wish this book was taught in schools instead of some of the books they choose for the kids now.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful story By Earnest Sludge Wonderful. Turned me very green with envy. A clear case of youth being well-used and not wasted on the young. I read it cover to cover as soon as it arrived. It's a short book but it took a few hours because I wanted to savor it and because I've never been a fast reader. One of the cover blurbs says it's bound to be inspirational to young people. It should also be cautionary. Severeid and his partner had a number of very close calls that could have left them dead in the deep wilderness. Also, the title is a bit misleading. They don't actually spend much time with the Cree Indians, they don't travel with them. One note to bargain hunters: for some reason it's hard to find used copies of the 1968 edition. They only seem to want to sell the 2004 edition. But if you dig you can find one and it's quite a bit cheaper.