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Martha Black: Her Story From The Dawson Gold Fields To The Halls Of Parliament (Caribou Classic)



Synopsis

Adventurous Martha Black headed for the Klondike in 1898. After working placer gold claims, she became a successful businesswoman, and was elected to the Canadian Parliament at age 70.

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This is an autobiographical tale of a strong willed woman who left her husband and the comforts of well-to-do life in Chicago to cross the Chilkoot Pass -- while pregnant -- and make a life for herself in the remote Yukon. Interesting story, but I would have enjoyed hearing more about life in Chicago, her friends and peers, and her first journey into the Yukon.

Martha Black's story showed her love of the Yukon. She was a pioneer in a country that required unique skills and much courage.

This is such a great book about frontier life by a real frontier woman. Her life was amazing. You get such a real sense of what life was like back then told, first hand, not by someone else recounting Martha Black's thoughts, but her real words (I love the words of that time!) about her experiences, triumphs and tragedies. If you ever wanted to know what it was like for a middle class white woman of independent mind to live in the late 1800's and the early half of the 1900's, both in the US and Canada, then this is the read for you.

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