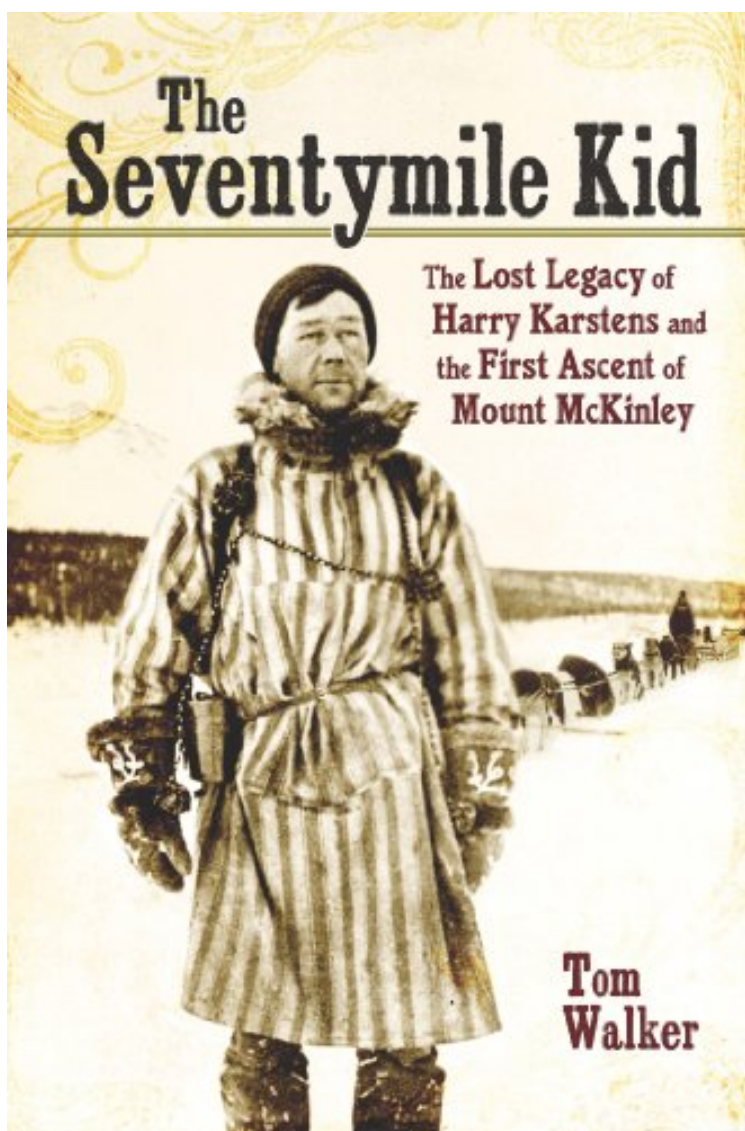


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**Tom Walker : The Seventymile Kid: The Lost Legacy of Harry Karstens and the First Ascent of Mount McKinley** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Seventymile Kid: The Lost Legacy of Harry Karstens and the First Ascent of Mount McKinley:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. ABy Lisa FredericAs a tour guide in Alaska, I already knew the

basics about Harry Karsten's life. I am known for blurting out "Harry could do anything!" - he could and he did! Tom Walker's newest book is a fascinating account of this amazing man's life. The drama that surrounded the multiple attempts in the early 1900's to climb Mount McKinley, the highest mountain in North America, was full of hardships, surprises and even lies on an international level. Harry Karsten led the first successful ascent in 1913 and in finding the photographs and "lost" journals of the expedition - Tom Walker has given us a clearer picture of what truly happened before, during and after that remarkable climb. Harry went on to be the first superintendent of Denali National Park - a difficult job to say the least, but then, Harry could do anything. If you're interested in true life adventure, in exciting historical tales, in vivid descriptions of life in Alaska when the tallest peaks were yet to be climbed and the wilderness was nothing like "a park" - then you will enjoy this book. For those coming to Denali, or even just Alaska, I think reading this account first will change the way you look at absolutely everything you see and greatly enhance your visit. My mother-in-law hasn't put her copy down since she started it... 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Detailed life of Karstens By SCwolves This book was delivered fast. So far it's a great read.... starts from where Karstens is from, young. Works its way up to the eventual summit of Denali. But it's great at letting you know Karstens' perseverance - my - gawd - this guy is amazing. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. When the going gets tough the tough get going By Gary D. Burkholder I have read Howard Stuck's book "10000" Miles by Dog Sled and found it very interesting. I discovered this book on a recent trip to Alaska. While my memory isn't the best I think this book may be even better. The biggest complaint I have is that the book makes references to other books that I now have to find, and read. One by Jack London and one by Billy Mitchell. The sheer toughness of these men and the conditions they worked in is almost unbelievable. I know of no professional athlete that would endure these conditions and yet these men seemed to feel their best when they stood the challenges of the extreme weather.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download the first two chapters from *The Seventymile Kid*\* A true and complete account of the first successful ascent of Mount McKinley setting the record straight\* The summer of 2013 marks the 100th anniversary of the McKinley's first ascent\* Features archival photographs, including rare and never-before-published images The *Seventymile Kid* tells the remarkable account of Harry Karstens, who was the actual if unheralded leader of the Hudson Stuck Expedition that was the first to summit Mount McKinley in Alaska. All but forgotten by history, a young Karstens arrived in the Yukon during the 1897 Gold Rush, gained fame as a dog musher hauling U.S. Mail in Alaska, and eventually became the first superintendent of Mount McKinley National Park (now known as Denali National Park and Preserve). Aided by Karstens's own journals, longtime Denali writer and photographer Tom Walker uncovered archival information about the Stuck climb, and reveals that the Stuck "triumph" was an expedition marred by significant conflict. Without Karstens's wilderness skills and Alaska-honed tenacity, it is quite possible Hudson Stuck would never have climbed anywhere near the summit of McKinley. Yet the two men had a falling out shortly after the climb and never spoke again. In this book, Walker attempts to set the record straight about the historic first ascent itself, as well as other pioneer attempts by Frederick Cook and Judge Wickersham. Fans of Alaska literature, American history, and mountaineering lore will love this adventurous biography of the larger-than-life "sourdough" Karstens, in which Alaska's wilderness, its iconic mountain, and its pioneer spirit looms large.

About the Author AUTHOR HOMETOWN: Denali Park, AK AUTHOR BIO: Tom Walker has lived in Alaska for more than 40 years and is the author of over a dozen books centered on Alaska. A freelance photographer and writer, his work has been published in Alaska Magazine, Field and Stream, Readers' Digest, Newsweek, Audubon, Sierra, and many other regional and national publications. Walker has been a wildlife conservation officer, wilderness guide, loghome builder (shoulder surgery preempted that career), wildlife and nature photographer, and freelance writer. In his early years, he followed the rodeo circuit, after a stint as a horse packer in the eastern High Sierras in his home state of California. Like many others, the military took him to Alaska, where he mustered out and sank roots. Walker now lives in a log house on the very edge of Denali National Park and, despite the sometimes extreme winter weather - down to -50 F in winter - he finds the rural life fulfilling. He has won awards for both his photography and his volunteer work with Alaska wildlife issues. His two volume history of McKinley Park (1902-1930 era), now renamed Denali National Park, took almost 30 years to complete and features extensive interviews and research: o *Kantishna-Mushers, Miners, Mountaineers: The Pioneer Story Behind Mount McKinley National Park*, \$17.95, paper, Feb 2006, Pictorial Histories Publishing, ISBN 978-1575101248. o *McKinley Station*, \$21.95, paper, Feb 2009, Pictorial Histories Publishing, ISBN 978-1575101453. Two other books of Walker's are currently still in print: o *Caribou: Wanderer of the Tundra*, \$9.95, paper, Jun 2000, Graphic Arts Center, ISBN 978-1558685246. o *National Geographic Guide to America's Outdoors: Alaska*, co-authored with Nan Elliot, \$24.00, paper, Jun 2001, National Geographic, ISBN 978-0792277477. Walker has been largely known for his wildlife images and other books on Alaska. Most are now OP, including two of his most popular titles: o *Alaska's Wildlife*: originally published in 1995 by Graphic Arts, who then did a reissue in 2005 under their West Winds imprint (ISBN 978-0972792165). o *Building the Alaska Log Home*: originally published in 1983 by Alaska Northwest Books (used editions of this title sell for nearly \$100 on !); the most

recent edition was published in 2007 by Epicenter Press (ISBN 978-0979047039).