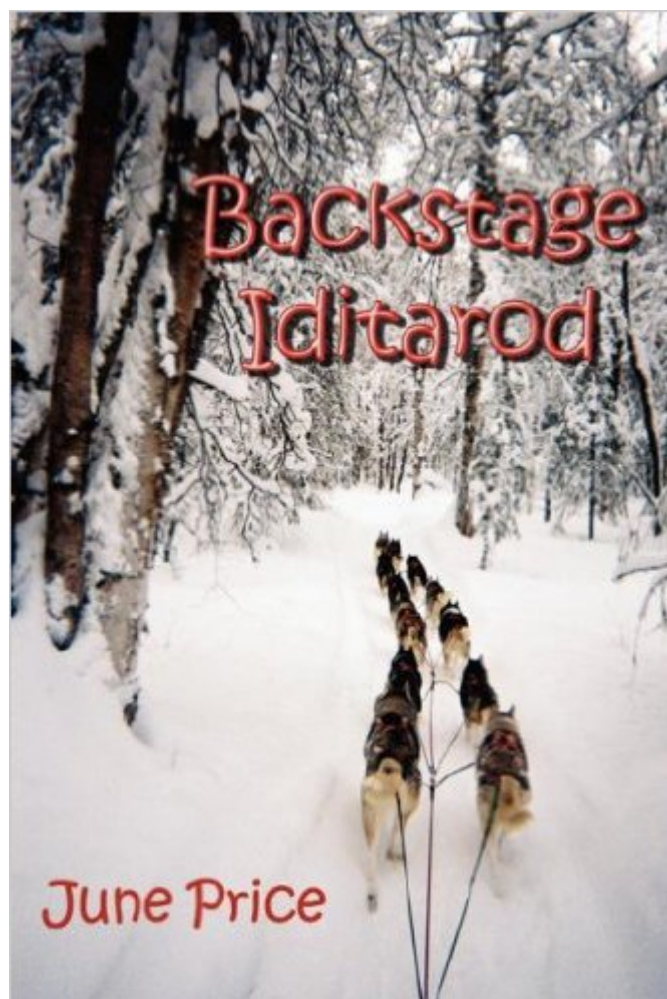


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# Backstage Iditarod



## Synopsis

BACKSTAGE IDITAROD is for the fan who wants more than to just watch a team take off from the start line. A collection of stories both new and old, it's a guide for those who yearn to know what it's really like on 4th Avenue; what they would see, hear and touch. It's for those who want to volunteer at Race Headquarters or maybe bid to be an Idita-Rider. It's for the dreamers who wonder what goes on at the musher banquets, both in Anchorage and in Nome. It's for arm chair mushers who simply want to immerse themselves in everything Iditarod. "All (Iditarod books) are interesting, but none focus on an overall view of the activities that go on before, during and after the race to make it happen. None break down the cost of running this race for you. None take you to Iditarod HQ to watch organized chaos as race preparations evolve. None follow the logistics involved in preparing checkpoint drop bags. None agonize over vet checks and deciding a final team. And none put you in the middle of the action at the start line in Anchorage and the restart, wherever it may be." Donna Quante, producer of video "Pretty Sled Dogs" "You're in for a real treat with this book! I thoroughly enjoyed it, and by the time I was finished proofing the pages I had a lump in my throat and was practically wishing for snow on the ground! I'll be going into the '08 race with a whole new understanding of how things work, because June's book truly is the equivalent of a backstage pass to the whole awesome show!" --Helen Hegener, author/publisher/editor and present at some of the initial organizational meetings for the Iditarod when it was still known as "Joe's race".

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## Customer Reviews

I have been fascinated for years by the Iditarod and own a small collection of books on the subject. I

had actually purchased this book in December of 2007 but didn't pick it up to read until a couple of days ago. I am going to Alaska to view the start of the race and have secured a sled on which to be an Iditarider so I was very interested in reading this account to better understand the event. Most books on the subject focus on a single person's experience with the race and is usually written from the perspective of a musher. This one is from the perspective of a non-musher and deals with the details of the race (organization, vet involvement, bootie brigade, etc.). It reads more like a series of essays each focused on a particular aspect rather than a read from front-to-back in order to appreciate the book. I didn't see a "look inside the book" feature and I think it would be helpful for you to see the table of contents: 1. A Dream, a Vision and Lucky #132. The Cost of a Dream 3. Signing Up: The Volunteer Picnic 4. Volunteers: The Heart of the Iditarod 5. Race Marshal: It's More Than a Job 6. Mentoring the Iditarod's Future 7. Iditarod Veterinarians Lend a Hand 8. Organized Chaos: Drop bags 9. EKG's, Meetings and Banquets, Oh, My 10. Pre-Race Vet Checks 11. Idita-Riders Do It On the Trail 12. The Iditarod Family 13. Sewing for the Iditarod: Bootie Brigade 14. The Musher Banquet 15. TGIF: One Last Day of Deceptive Calm 16. The Ceremonial Start 17. The Restart and Beyond 18. "Fan" is Short for Fanatic 19. Why Be a Fan? 20.

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