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A Hunter's Wanderings in Alaska and British Columbia



Sheep and Bear Trails

By John P. Holman.
Published by Frank Walters, New York 1933, 211 pages plus 45 illustrations from photographs by the author. Also produced was a numbered and signed deluxe edition of 75 copies. This is only the fourth book ever to include "Approved by the Boone and Crockett Club" on its title page.

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The author, a Boone and Crockett Club member, was a former editor of *Forest and Stream* magazine, the predecessor to today's *Field and Stream* magazine. Much of his hunting was done in the company of Malcolm S. Mackay, to whom the book was dedicated. Mackay was the author of *Cow Range and Hunting Trail*, a scarce and much sought after big game hunting title.

John Holman hunted Dall's sheep in the Kenai, but his greatest love was for the coastal regions of British Columbia, not only for the hunting and wildlife, but also for the pioneer folk in the area. He was a dedicated grizzly bear hunter and he returned many times to his favorite areas in the valleys of the Bella Coola and the Atnarko. In his own words, Holman wrote, "This book tells of days spent in the pursuit of mountain sheep on the rugged uplands of Alaska and of grizzly bear in the thick jungle of the British Columbia Coastal Range. The glory that is found on high places and the shadow-gloom of deep forests have tempered my thoughts and brought to the writing of this book much satisfaction as

may come from reviewing those far off happy days."

Captain Robert A. Bartlett, a very close friend of John Holman, wrote an introduction which sums up the atmosphere that prevails throughout Holman's book. "To those who love the great adventure of exploring new country and observing wildlife — I can commend this book. It contains more than narrative; John has added something that brings dull facts to life and endows them with interest. Somehow you want to go to the same places he has visited and have the same experiences. They are the kind of experiences that make life worthwhile,

clean, fresh and wholesome." It is too bad they come from a time and place that can never be the same!▲▲▲



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