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The great race across Alaska!As Dawson City goes up in flames, Jason Hawthorn itches to join the new rush for gold in Nome, 1,700 miles away. He and his brothers have been cheated out of their sawmill, so when a \$20,000 prize is announced for the winner of a race to Nome, Jason enters. His partner in the canoe is Jamie Dunavant, the adventurous girl he loves. Will they make it to the finish line, despite the hazards of the Yukon River, two dangerous rivals, and the terrors of the open sea?

## Down the Yukon Details

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## From Reader Review Down the Yukon for online ebook

### Nathaniel says

i liked it

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### Coty Jones says

The book I am reading is called DOWN THE YUKON by Will Hobbs. The reason I picked the book is because it looked easy to read and I have also read some of Will Hobbs's other books. The setting of the book takes place in Alaska, where these two friends get lost in the middle of nowhere and struggle to get home. The characters names are Jason Hawthorn and Jamie Dunavant they've been friends since they can remember.

The plot of the story is that Jason Hawthorn wants to go to Alaska and look for his Gold and he is talking his friend into going with him and they get a canoe and they start looking. The Conflict of the story is when they get lost and they don't know how to get out. So they try to find the nearest town but they cant and now they are having trouble with everything.

I thought the book ending was good, not the best but it was a good ending. I didn't really have a favorite quote or part because I didn't really want to look and remember the quote and stuff.

My personal opinion of the book is that I liked it and I would read more of Will Hobbs books if I can. If your a reader that likes suspence and treasure hunting books then you will like these books.

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### Derik LeCaptain says

Down the Yukon is a very exciting book taking place during the end of the Klondike and Yukon gold rushes in the late 1800's. The story is about Jason Hawthorn a young boy who is caught up in the life of becoming a millionaire gold miner in the vast north. Soon though word spreads about another gold rush in the town of Nome. Nome is right on the edge of the Pacific Ocean and is crawling with gold everywhere from the Nome harbor to all of the small creeks and streams around it. Jason eventually gets to Nome although he has some run ins along the way. This book paints a clear picture of what life was like in the frozen north of Alaska. I highly recommend this book for someone seeking an action packed book with much history in it.

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### Shirley says

We also listened to this one on audio. I didn't care for this one as much as the first. It wasn't as high of drama and action, but we all still enjoyed it. The descriptions of Alaska were fantastic. I especially loved the author's notes in both books about what parts were historically accurate.

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### Libby May says

Hobbs did it again! He really did a good job with this sequel to Jason's Gold. Again, beautifully written, beautifully portrayed, and a really good usage of words to draw you in. Would definitely read this book

again.

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### **Nick Burt says**

Down The Yukon By Will Hobbs. The book Down the Yukon written by Will Hobbs is a book that I enjoyed reading. The book Down the Yukon begins by a male and a female that enter a race on a canoe to win a \$2000.00 dollar cash prize. But they keep getting side tracked by other problems on their way down the Yukon. The overall lesson the author wants the reader to take from this book is that two friends entered a race down a river in a canoe for a \$2000.00 dollar grand prize. The people in front of the two kids in the canoe kept taking breaks over the night or else they wouldn't know where they were going at dark. So the two kids in the canoe had to keep going just to catch up to the others so they weren't so far behind. The kids are going to use the money if they win to go and help their family out at the Indian Reservation. What I especially liked about the book is how the author put a lot of detail in the book. The enthusiasm was outstanding, it was almost seemed like the author was reading the book straight to me. Overall the book Down the Yukon by Will Hobbs is a book I would recommend because if you are a person that likes to read books like outdoors or any adventurous books this is the right book for you.

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### **Evan Griffiths says**

Very good book. The attention to detail made it feel as if I were in the canoe paddling down the Yukon with them, very exciting and intriguing.

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### **Seth says**

Jason Hawthorn is a young man who lives in Dawson City, Canada. When his three brothers who he owns a saw mill with end up losing it Jason wants to buy it back. So he and his girlfriend find out about Nome, Alaska where gold is being found and they decide to go and stake some land for themselves. They end up in a large race with hundreds of other boaters and canoers to race to Nome. I found this book absolutely amazing because it's really adventurous and fun to see what happens. It is indeed another one of Will Hobbs' great books which I all love.

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### **Dakota Clark says**

Down the Yukon is a novel about a young man named Jason who needs to win a race on the Yukon river to get back his sawmill that his brother gambled away. Along the way, Jamie Dunavant, who he loves, joins him and they face many obstacles on their journey to Nome. I, personally, was a fan of this book because I have always loved anything that has to do with the outdoors. Down the Yukon also contained a lot of action to keep the reader interested. The author could have had more round characters to get the reader more connected. Hobbs used a lot of imagery while they were meeting their obstacles to make me feel like I was there. He also used personification while describing the river. The theme Hobbs was trying to tell the reader is that you have to work for what you get. This book would peak the interest of anyone who loves the outdoors and action.

## **SFrick says**

As the sequel to Jason's Gold, Hobb's continues a well written saga: a thirst for gold in the Klondike. This time its "Nome or bust". I always appreciate the accompanying map and his Author's Note which includes historical or literary references.

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## **1Grose B says**

Down the Yukon is a novel by Will Hobbs. It follows the story of a boy named Jason and his brothers who are living in Dawson City. They have a family sawmill called Hawthorn Brothers Sawmill that they own together, where they work to make a living. Then one day the brothers were out at a restaurant eating, they are just having a regular nice time until they notice a man who is kicking a dog, so then Ethan, who is the oldest brother, tells the man not to kick the dog. They begin to get into a fight themselves until somebody in the place shouts to Ethan not to fight the man, because the guy he was fighting ended up being ex boxer named Sydney Mauler. Out of no where someone suggests they should have a boxing match, and they decide to have one 2 weeks later. Ethan beats Mauler and gets a lot of publicity and becomes somewhat famous, especially around his local town. He stopped working at the mill and started to drink and gamble a lot. He would win a lot in the beginning but eventually hit a bad spell where he started to lose, a lot, and everyday he lost more and more until he was broke. Then a lawyer took their mill because he tricked Ethan into signing the mill away when he was drunk, so the mill was gone, even though the contract would technically be void because it is illegal for someone to sign a contract when they are under the influence. Jason's friend of the past Jamie Dunavant ends up returning to Dawson City and they begin to hang out again and start to date. Jason told her he was going to Nome for to make money to buy the mill back. Jamie then found a contest. It was a race to Nome for two people and \$20,000 the prize. It would be able to buy the mill back. Will they be able to get the saw mill back?

Down the Yukon is a very different book than I've read before, I don't think it's very action driven. I usually prefer books with a lot going on and a lot of action, that being said this book was not my favorite, but is definitely a good book none the less, and something I would suggest to a very casual reader.

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## **Nicola Mansfield says**

Reason for Reading: After reading Jason's Gold, I promised ds I would read the sequel to him sometime and here we are finally getting to it. A year and a half later! But he's more mature for Hobbs now and he wants me to read more books by him.

Though the word Yukon is in the title, it refers to the river not the territory, so don't mistake this book as taking place in Canada. The first in this series (and I'd say it's important to read them in order to get the full value of this sequel) takes places entirely in Canada while this one takes place entirely in Alaska, except for the beginning couple of chapters. Starting six months after the end of Jason's Gold this book has Jason and Jamie entering a race from Dawson City to Nome to win the grand prize of \$20,000 which readers of the first book will know why they need the money.

Another well-written adventure with much descriptive language of the land and one gets a great feel for being there with them. Jason and Jamie are written as equals, there is hardly any distinction that they are male and female, though Hobbs does manage to write in an already affirmed relationship that they are a couple with a distinct future together. The majority of the book details their trip down the river and the obstacles they face along the way including bad guy Cornelius Donner from the first book. Touches upon the Nome, Alaska gold rush to a small extent, giving enough information to impart what it was like there at that time but this book concentrates more on the fictional story and the geographical location than the historical content as did Jason's Gold. A rip-roaring read for those who love adventure, survival or wilderness living. The book packs a wallop adrenaline filled climax that is sure to have you wanting to read more Will Hobbs. This mum and son are certainly looking forward to more!

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### **Drew says**

Very good book, lots of action and kept it interesting. Felt like I was on the river with them

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### **Kaitlin says**

My book, Down the Yukon, by Will Hobbs is about two young adults, Jason and Jamie, who enter a canoe race down the Yukon all the way to Nome, Alaska. It is a story about what they went through, their trials and finally their triumphs. This book is a parallel culture book that includes Canadian Americans and many more. The setting was up in the Klondike. The author was very descriptive in all five senses. It felt like I was in the canoe with them. The characters the author chose fit well with the event that was transpiring. The author clearly depicted the writing style of this book in whose point-of-view it was in. It was clearly written and easy to follow. This book is for anyone who wants an outdoor adventure.

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### **Eric says**

I think that it would get at least a four star because how the author described they book. EX. When the building went on fire he said all you can see is the thick dense black smoke for miles away. When they were in the fire all you could hear is they popping of the wood, seeing the planks fall around you. All you could see was nothing cause the smoke was really dense. IS that good descriptive or what to me that is. I would recommend it to the people who like to read survival because they were living on the woods for a little bit there at the end of the story.

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