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With her cabin a pile of ashes and her life in pieces, champion Alaskan "musher" Jessie Arnold has gratefully accepted a friend's proposal that she drive his motor home up from Idaho, along the Alaska Highway—a breathtaking, two thousand-mile-long route winding past hot springs, glaciers, and ice-blue lakes.

But the idyllic trip takes a dark turn when a teenage hitchhiker brings terror aboard. Frightened and alone, Patrick Cutler disappears just before the police inform Jessie that the young runaway is wanted in connection with two shocking murders. Suddenly she is cast into a raging maelstrom of dark secrets and deadly consequences. And the cold and empty road she's traveling could be leading her not to her home...but to a grave in the trackless wilderness.

#### **Dead North Details**

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## Dianna says

Ah, I love Sue Henry's Alaska Mysteries! I could only give this one 4 stars, because Alex isn't in it aside from a brief hint. It's been a few months since I read them all, (somehow I missed this one before) and it's made me want to again :D. Jessie is amazing, and I totally love Maxie! As usual, Tank is the epitome of dogs!

## Amanda says

A nice and easy read, but a bit disappointing as this installment doesn't take place in Alaska which is pretty much why I considered this series. Definitely not a cozy mystery but an enjoyable one, it kept me reading. Unfortunately Jessie Arnold is no Kate Shugak and Sue Henry is definitely not as good as Dana Stabenow and after reading her series everything (Alaskan mystery) will be compared to that standard.

## Jackie says

My daughter pulled this book off the shelf at the library, and said, "This is a good one for you mommy!" Thinking yea right I appesed her by reading the back cover. It actually sounded good, so I brought it home.

Once I started reading it I could not put it down. The way the author describes the road trip to Alaska was so beautiful and vivid. I really wanted to travel there, in a motor home and see it myself.

The story itself was good as well. Very suspenseful. I also really enjoyed the characters, I felt as if I knew them and wanted to know more of what happened in there lives.

## Joanne says

This is the 3rd I have read from the Jessie Arnold series. Enjoyable and more like a thriller than a cozy mystery. Features Jessie and her sled dog Tank and Maxie and her dachshund Stretch that she meets while traveling in an RV. Add in a teen on the run and friendly trucker and you have a diverse group of characters. Starts in the lower 48 states and travels through Canada and ends in Alaska. Henry's writing style is very descriptive and you can picture the scenery along the way; just like you were along for the ride.

A woman is killed in Cody, Wyoming. Was it her son or law officer husband? The journey entails many campground adventures, dead bodies turning up at inopportune times and in the end a happy ending for an older gentleman on a fixed income who loves to garden!

## Kathleen Graler says

We traveled the Alaska Highway about a year after I read this book. This was both an inspiration and my guidebook for the trip. What fun to recognize places and seek out others mentioned in the book.

#### Jake says

Im only 12 but i thought this book was a good adventure/mystery story.

## Teri says

Mystery Book Group choice. Good description of driving AlCan highway; some loose ends, especially regarding Butch Stinger, but these may be resolved in later titles in the series.

## Cindy says

This was a lanky book, fun to listen to whilst driving, and I thought often of my mother who seems independent and spunky like Maxine.

## Sandy says

Jesse Arnold is asked by a friend to drive his motor home back from the US lower 48 to Alaska and the trip becomes fraught with danger, including murder. Jesse is unsure if she will make it back home safely and even though she meets a couple of new friends along the way is turns into a dangerous drive.

## Pamela Mclaren says

Sue Henry takes her main character, Alaskan 'musher' on the road with only one of her dogs. While waiting to begin rebuilding her log cabin that was burned to the ground, Jessie Arnold agrees to drive a friend's motor home up from Idaho to Alaska. Jessie sees it as an opportunity for a relaxing adventure but true to all mystery books -- this adventure turns potential deadly.

Jessie makes a new friend on the trip, and they meet a frightened teenager who is fleeing to Alaska. The two women can't seem to get the story from the teen but they soon see good reason for his fear and are caught up in it. Can Jessie figure out the what is going on and how to save both the teen and her own lives?

A good story and one that keeps the interest going. In Jessie Arnold, Sue Henry has developed a down to

earth, smart character — one that is not so smart to turn you off or one that makes such elementary mistakes that it bores you. There is a solid balance in the character and the stories.

## **Richard Guion says**

The mystery is pretty light fare, about a teenage boy, Patrick, who goes on the run after being falsely accused of a crime he didn't commit. Jesse Arnold, an Iditarod dog sled racer, does a favor for a friend by flying down to Coeur d'Alene to pick up a Winnebago motor home and drive it back to Wasilla. What I really loved about this book was the description of Jesse's drive from Canada to Alaska along the famous Alaskan Highway. I've never been on that road this book makes me want to go. The natural scenery sounds wonderful. I'd love to visit the Signpost Forest near Watson Lake.

The other cute thing about this book is Jesse's dog on the trip, Tank, a husky. Along the way, Jesse meets Maxie McNab, a free-spirited 61-year-old widow who roams the country in her motor home. Maxie has a toy dachshund named Stretch who is a scene stealer. Apparently Maxie has her own series now. I would definitely read more books from Sue Henry if the Alaskan setting is colorful.

## Pamela Juliano-marek says

This is the 8th book of Sue Henry's I've read. Keeps me looking forward to another book. I'ven read Sue's other books with Maxine & her dog Stretch. It really made the book fun & interesting that both Jessie & Maxine met up. Love that there is just enough mystery in the book to keep you wanting to turn another page & really look forward to picking the book up again. But not a gruesome kind of mystery that you can't read before going to bed at night. Loved it!

#### Elaine says

Great descriptions of the Alaskan Highway. Great twist when Sue Henry's other heroine, Maxine and her dog Stretch) meet up with Jesse Arnold and her husky, Tank to help a runaway they encounter while staying in a RV park on their way home to Parmer and Homer, Alaska. Felt like got a great sense of what the Alaskan highway is all about- I'm ready for a trip. Might even be fun to rent a Winnebago for a couple of weeks. No worries, just the highway and spectacular scenery and unknown adventures.

#### Ann says

Mystery novel about a woman and her champion sled dog traveling alone in a RV on the Alaska Highway. As murders, strangers and dark secrets are intangled in her travels, you are kept on the edge of your seat, but at the same time gives the reader a beautiful armchair travel log. I finished the book, wanting to travel along the Alaska Highway.

## Ann says

Jessie Arnold's home in Alaska has been destroyed by an arsonist. The weather isn't good enough yet to pour the basement for her new home so she agrees to fly to Idaho to drive his newly purchased motor home back to Alaska. She meets up with Maxie, a woman who has traveled by camper for the three years since her husband's death. They, in turn, meet up with a young man who is hitchhiking to Alaska from Wyoming. The young man has something to hide and when a young man is murdered in the campground and Patrick disappears, Jessie and Maxie are caught in the middle of a mystery. It is a very good read. The murderer is known from the start of the book but the suspense of Patrick's life is compelling and Jessie and Maxie make a great team. I like this series very much. The characters are well defined and smart. The story does not "dumb down" the reader with unrealistic events or "nosy" amateur detectives.