THE TRAIL LESS TRAVELED

On December 18, 1904, the upstart Dawson City Klondikers began their 4,000-mile trek to wrest the Stanley Cup from the Ottawa Silver Seven. Twenty-four days later, after trudging 350 miles behind their dog teams, lurching and rolling down the inside passage, and whiling away endless days on the CPR, the rubber-legged, travel-worn players staggered into Ottawa's Union Station. In less than thirty-six hours they would meet their fate against the greatest hockey team ever assembled, creating the most enduring legend in hockey history.

Ninety-two years later a team of oldtimer hockey players from Dawson City re-created that epic journey, inviting Don Reddick, American author of *Dawson City Seven*, to accompany them. As the team wends its way once again through the Yukon wilderness, down Alaska's panhandle, and across the vast Canadian shield to face the Ottawa Senators alumni, Reddick weaves his way through the history of the original games, the backdrop of the Klondike gold rush, and the characters of today's Yukon. Illuminating the conception and execution of a modern-day dream, Reddick provides a remarkable inside account of what has become known as the greatest amateur hockey event ever staged.



Don Reddick is an award-winning author of historical fiction, whose books include *Dawson City Seven* and *Killing Frank McGee*. His article, *The Death of Frank McGee*—which has been melded into *The Trail Less Traveled*—appears in *Total Hockey*, and was recognized by the editors of *The Best American Sports Writing*. Don lives on the banks of the Tweed River in Vermont, with his wife Terry.



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