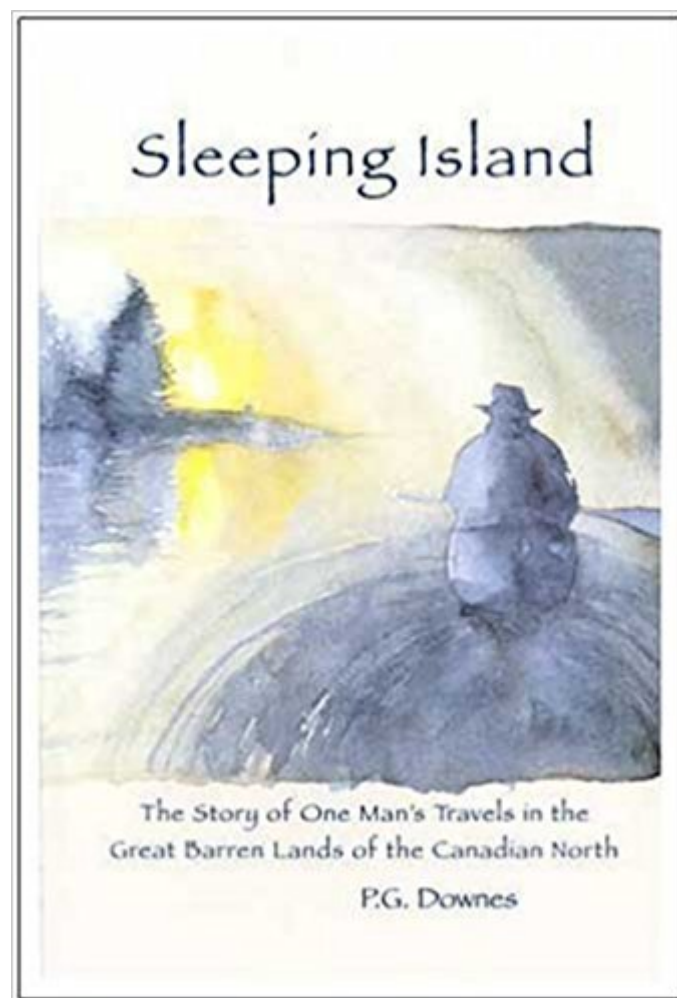




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Sleeping Island: The Story Of One Man's Travels In The Great Barren Lands Of The Canadian North (First Edition)



Synopsis

In an age when bush planes and outboard motors were opening up previously inaccessible regions of the Canadian North, Prentice G. Downes, a graduate of Harvard who worked as a schoolteacher just outside Boston, chose to travel alone by canoe to explore the Great Barren Lands. *Sleeping Island* is the sensitively written and moving account of one of his trips, a journey made in 1939 to remote, and at that time unmapped, Nueltin Lake. In *Sleeping Island*, Downes records a North that was soon to be no more, a landscape and a people barely touched by white men. Downes describes the excitement of wilderness canoe travel, the delights of discovering the land, and his deep feeling for people met along the way. His respect for the Indians and the Inuit and their ways of life, and his love of their land, shine through this richly descriptive work.

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Prentice Downes wrote *Sleeping Island* during one of his summer adventures into Northern Canada just prior to World War II. A keen observer of Northern Canada, Downes empathetically captures the native Dine and Cree as he travels the vast wilderness by canoe. This is a truly seminal work and a must read for anyone interested in the North, its people and lifeways. Read it!

A beautiful story about a remarkable journey in an amazing place and time. Reviews that require a specific number of words are

Since I am the first to review, I will have to give this a good effort. I DID NOT do this, but, I really recommend that the first thing a person should do before reading the first word, is, jump on G

GOOGLE-EARTH and punch in CHURCHILL, REINDEER LAKE, NUEL TIN LAKE and COCHRANE RIVER, all in CANADA. This will get your mind going down the right road in comprehending the magnitude of the task that the author went through. That said, it is NOT an adventure that I would like to go on. And, that said, it WAS an adventure. I will let the adventure speak for itself, what I really took away from this was how far modern man has come to use / ??depend?? on all sorts of technology to get between points A and B. The author had some hen-scratching and word-of-mouth. All-in-all a fun book to read, not a real nail-biter, but, a great outdoor adventure.

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