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The highest-rated reality show ever to hit History Television, *Ice Road Truckers* follows the heart-pounding adventures of the tough-as-nails truckers who risk peril every day to deliver goods and supplies in Alaska and across Canada's frozen north. Alex Debogorski shares tales of his adventures, and misadventures, in the north, and explains, in his own entertaining voice, how he got to where he is today—a working-class hero, bona fide celebrity, and the improbable star of a smash-hit television show. Debogorski is a natural storyteller who knows how to spin tales about his colourful life growing up in the backwoods. Whether he's recounting tales about his hair-raising confrontations with bears, calculating the strength of newly formed ice, divulging the secrets of providing security in a barroom full of combative, drunken miners, or saving the life of another trucker, he keeps readers wanting more. *King of the Road* gives fans of *Ice Road Truckers* a deep look inside the life and times of the show's biggest rising star.

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# **From Reader Review King of The Road: True Tales from a Legendary Ice Road Trucker for online ebook**

## **Carole says**

### **Real**

I have not giggled so much in ages. This is true Alex not the sanitized one from TV. I would love to sit along side him, just to listen to so much more. Anyone who has been disappointed with this book has to understand that TV shows the character that best suits their model and not always the rounded character. Please read this, I don't think you will regret it, at least I hope not.

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## **Elizabeth says**

Loved this book so different from what i usually read. To enter in the world of truckers is quite another world yet i enjoyed and appreciated the difficulties of crossing places that have to be properly packed before trucks can safely cross over. Not to mention the inherent dangers when the thawing starts and so forth. Well worth my time. I didn't give it a 5 only because it had no spirituality in it although you could tell the man is a family man and has deep integrity and love for his workers.

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## **SouthWestZippy says**

Reality star Alex Debogorski tells stories about his childhood and a few experiences during the filming of Ice Road Truckers. Wow he is tough man. He has had many near death experiences and yet lives a simple hard working life. I could have done without the first chapter, has to many animal stories that I just don't agree with but he does come from a farmers background so I understand his way of thinking. If you are a fan of the show you will enjoy the book.

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## **Kayce says**

Having never watched the show Ice Road Truckers I came across this book when it was advertised in People magazine. I kicked back at the pool, opened up to page one, and all I can say is "Wow" from the first word. Alex Debogorski has lived quite a life and has many a tales to share about the hair raising ways of his youth through life as a family man. I could have done without the stories of life on the farm and the rough treatment of some of the animals. Sure those things happen, and it's part of farm life, but I am a sensitive reader and love the animals, so personally could have done without those stories.

My dad has owned and operated his own trucking company for 25+ years and I used to work for him full time (though now it's just a few nights a week). I've always been fascinated by the Peterbilts, all the buttons, knobs, controllers. I've enjoyed learning about the permit process, the heavy loads, weight requirements, DOT requirements, etc. And while reading Debogorski's stories, I can just imagine riding along the highway listening on the CB radio as he tells crazy tales, some sad, some funny, some mind-blowing, and some

heartwarming. In fact, after reading about some crazy driving escapades of a teenage Alex, I could hear the hootin' and hollerin', I felt the wind blowing and I thought I was watching a movie screen. I caught myself afterwards and even read the story again because it felt so real. Debogorski is quite the story teller and I enjoyed every minute of his wild days.

Stories of sleeping behind the wheel, speeding, and not paying attention are careless and dangerous. But thankfully Alex points out he is not glorifying irresponsible driving (particularly if young audiences are paying attention) but he is just telling it like it happened. But when he talks about a trip to visit Louise (his high school sweetheart and now wife and mother of their 11 children), he was tired and closes his eyes for a few minutes. Upon opening them, he is moments away from running into the train up ahead and sure enough, he hits the train. With all the danger Debogorski has faced and all of the "mishaps" that he's endured, it really is a wonder (by the grace of God) that he is alive to tell about them.

With a new season of Ice Road Truckers just beginning, I spent time this weekend watching some episodes of the show to see what it was all about. I'm pretty sure it's my new favorite show. It's unbelievable the conditions these drivers haul through and deal with. But one of the more striking things is that they probably just view it as all in a day's work. A dangerous day's work. The banter between Alex and his rival, Hugh "the Polar Bear" Rowland, is comical and after researching more into the show and merchandise available, I realized Hugh has a book as well: On Thin Ice. Is it a coincidence that the two drivers on the series who have books out are rivals on the show, in constant competition? HA! Fine by me, I'm already in line wishing for a copy of Hugh's book on PaperBackSwap.com.

Thoroughly enjoyable, King of the Road will keep your interest from start to finish. Cheers to Alex for surviving himself and sharing about it!

5/5 stars

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### **Jackie Mc says**

Well it's the best auto biography I've ever read. So happy, sad, existing and shocking. Alex really tells his life story and make you feel like you're there out on the ice road with him. well worth reading if you're a Ice Road Trucking Fan. I love it that much that this is the 3rs time I've read it. and I'm sure it'll not be the last. Ice Cool! Alex!

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### **Diana says**

Alex was raised on a farm near Peace River, Alberta. Throughout his life, he had a fascination for driving vehicles and taking risks. Eventually, he became a truck driver in Yellowknife where he developed a proficiency in driving on the ice roads. He explains how ice roads are built and how a driver must drive with care but verve on those roads to survive while still moving the freight to its destination. It is a very interesting memoir which gives the reader a view of one man's life in the Northern regions of Western Canada.

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## **Mike says**

Another book in a series of celebrity biographies...however no sex, drugs, and rock and roll in this one....this is the story of Alex Dobogorski, one of the stars of the reality series Ice Road Truckers. Having seen the show from time to time, I thought this would be a good read.

The book does not disappoint...yea there are a couple too many drunken stories but its balanced out with some great tales of trucking in the Arctic. For those looking for a different book to read, this is definitely it.

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## **Janet says**

I really liked this, aside from the reminiscences of youthful barroom brawls and multiple car accidents, some of which were amazing that anyone walked out of them alive. Alex is someone who seizes life with both hands, and it's a joy to read an autobiography of someone who doesn't make apologies for being who he is. He doesn't whine about misfortunes, he laughs a lot, and instructs without making it a lecture. I can't believe how hard he's worked in his life-this book should be required reading for teenagers of both sexes. I loved how his daughter recounts when she wanted to get a car from one of the many broken-down ones he had; he pointed to one, tossed her a shop manual and told her to get to it. This guy is a character of the first order.

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## **pianogal says**

Love the IRT, so I thought why not read Alex's book - especially b/c he's one of my favorite drivers on the show.

This book, however, was not one of my favorites. I read it at the same time as Hugh's, and for pure IRT fun, Hugh's is better. Alex is a storyteller. He always has some story cooking to entertain folks with. The biggest complaint with this book is that it's all stories from Alex's life. He doesn't even hit the road as a trucker until almost the very end.

The stories were good, and did give me more insight into Alex, but they weren't about IRTing, and that was sad.

So if you want stories, read Alex's book. If you want more IRT read Hugh's.

Ok, eh?

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## **Sieglinde says**

An entertaining autobiography of one of the stars of the hugely popular Ice Road Truckers reality tv show on History Channel. The book was released after four seasons of the show had run, and Alex is one of the characters who has been in it from the start up and still there up to the latest episodes.

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### **Adriana Bulgarelli says**

The biography of an ordinary man, not at all ordinary. Alex starts dealing with life's challenges very early, as his mother dies when he is 12 and leaving his father alone to take care of their farm and four kids. Due to this early start, Alex spends his youth on the rough side, starting his huge family (11 children) very young. This, together with his love for mechanics, leads him to his today's job as icy road truck driver.

An icy road is not an ordinary road which is slippery because of bad weather (what was I thinking?). As a matter of fact an icy road is a road built mainly on a lake or other icy surfaces to cross it with heavy duty trucks, thus allowing the delivery of big loads to places otherwise not reachable but by plane.

Funny, interesting, delightful. If you love the north you cannot miss this one

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### **Shannon says**

03/11: What a fun book! I learned of this one from, of all places, the Knights of Columbus magazine. Ha! It is so appropriate that Alex is Catholic and still one firecracker of a guy. Don't you just hate perfect people, anyway. Aren't we all so fallen and most comfortable with those equally fallen? Alex's imperfections are refreshing. He struggles with "colorful language." Alas, so do I. He has a simple faith to which I can relate. His stories crack me up.

Still, Alex is a seriously colorful character. Reading about Alex and watching him on TV are the sweet spot. His personality is like stage make-up, better off from afar. I don't know what it would be like to live with or near him, but I am glad he is out there. I am grateful to have "met" him through this book. Now, the reality show I want to see is the one in which he meets the Pope!

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### **Denise says**

I picked this book up for my Husband during our Digital Detox weekend thinking that he may like to flip through it since we would be missing IRT. I picked it up to just see what it was like and could not put it down.

Anyone who knew I was reading and FULLY ENJOYING this book was shocked.

Alex just tells story after story after story of his life. He does not glamorize it, he just tells a story like it is and I loved him for sharing it with us.

Felt like I was riding along or sitting at a bar with him. I am so thankful to have read this book, and even if you do not watch IRT, I would imagine you would still fully enjoy this book.

I liked it so much I literally took it on a date with my husband and read parts of it to him out loud. while he drove. It's THAT good.

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## **Claudia says**

Read this book, then HAD to see the series Ice Road Truckers. Can you IMAGINE driving an 18 wheeler in the arctic--on frozen rivers? Series takes place in Yellowknife, The Dalton Highway to Prudoe Bay and the Dempster to Inuvik. I drove the Dempster to Inuvik, BUT NOT IN WINTER! The hotel they stay at in Inuvik, the Eskimo Inn is the hotel I stayed in. Probably the only hotel there....

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## **Robert says**

Any fan of the History channel show Ice Road Truckers will recognize Debogorski as one of the drivers that has been on all three seasons. This is a biography of sorts of Debogorski's life that is sure to entertain those that enjoy the show. Debogorski's story may not be a complete story of his life as biographies go, however this is more a conglomeration of stories about some of the more amusing anecdotes that are told in true Debogorski fashion. After reading his stories of growing up in the backwoods of Canada and his many "career" choices one can only marvel at the fact that this man has survived this far. For a fascinating look at a man that married his high school sweetheart, had eleven children, served as a lay minister and braved the ice roads of the northwest this book is sure to keep readers smiling.

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