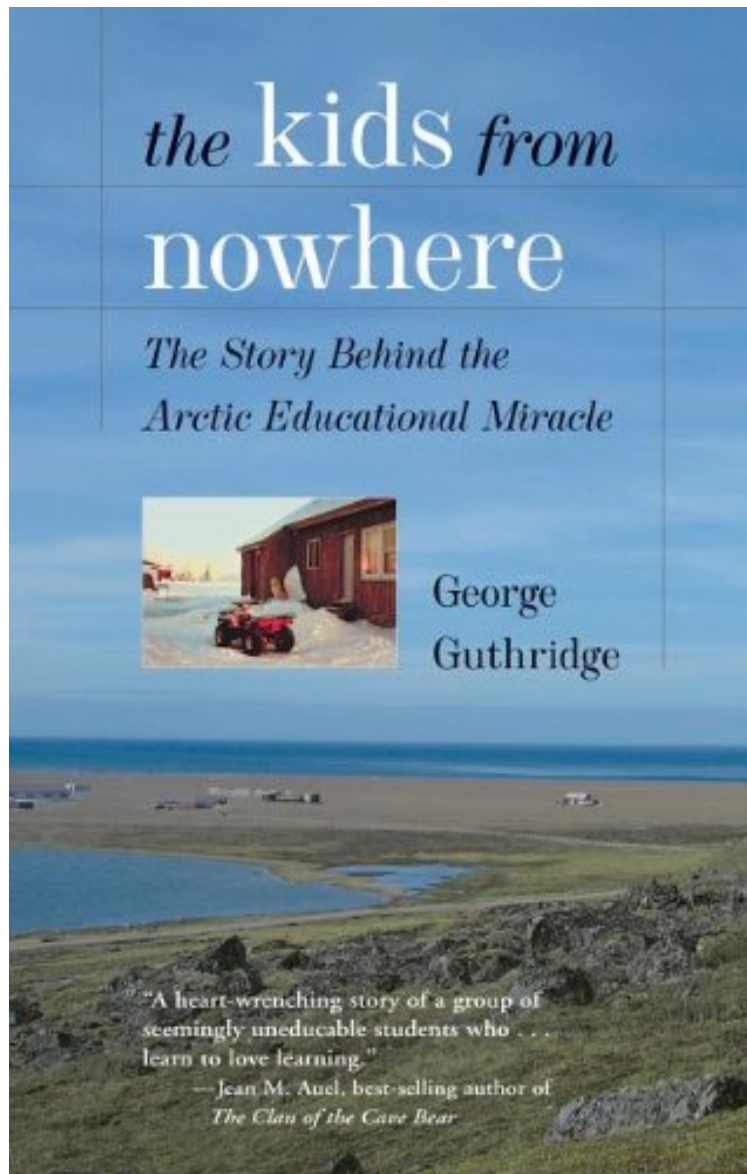


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George Guthridge : The Kids from Nowhere before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Kids from Nowhere:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A must read!!!By M. E. HansenOh my gosh what an amazing book!!!! When I was done reading it the only word I could come up with was Stunned! Incredible writer, incredible journey, behond amazing and ingenious teaching techniques!!!When we moved to our new home in a

village on the Western Coast of Alaska we found out that George lived here. My husband even worked with his wife (yes it is a small village) and did janitorial duties for the university that George was currently working for. I asked a friend if she had read George's book. She said she owned it but had not read it. I was shocked, it is such an amazing book! As a side note she commented that George "was a little out there". I replied that "George had to be "a little out there" to create such an amazing teaching style to engage his students"!!!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. **TEACHERS- THIS BOOK WILL CHANGE THE WAY YOU TEACH** By Biba Every once in awhile a book comes along that is so poignant and moving that it touches the very depth of your soul and you read it over and over again. Each time another element is revealed, another emotion surfaces, and a glimmer of light starts growing within the reader that says this is the kind of teacher that I will aspire to be. What George Guthridge accomplished in Gambell, Alaska, goes way beyond all the accolades that he has received. He unselfishly gave all of himself so that his students could achieve the impossible. He taught his students to look beyond their world and to see the possibilities that the future could hold for them. He taught them to love the challenge of learning and to push themselves beyond their academic comfort zones and reach for the success that was inside each one of them. These are the characteristics of a great teacher and for that he should be applauded. As a fellow teacher, I have been inspired to study and use his teaching methodologies in the hope that I can also inspire my students to reach beyond their comfort zone and find a passion for gaining knowledge. I highly recommend that teachers across the United States -whether elementary, middle, or high school--take the time to read "The Kids from Nowhere." I will even go so far as to recommend that this book be placed on the required reading list for any individual pursuing a degree in education. This book will make you laugh. It will make you cry. It may even, at times, make you ponder your choice to go into the field of education, but in the end, this book will unleash the passion inside each of us to go beyond our comfort zones and become great teachers.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. **Great Story Of Unlikely Success** By Golfwize Let me rephrase that. I'm not sure why the success of this group of kids would seem unlikely really in that everyone has potential to do great things. But this book uncovers a secret to getting that kind of result...it takes a lot of hard work, faith, and an extremely intelligent approach. I enjoyed this book very much. It's well written and provides a pretty in-depth look at how a group of Eskimo kids achieved mastery at problem solving. I enjoyed the coverage relating to their culture and heritage as well. It was sometimes difficult to read about some of the prejudice that came upon the children of the teacher but in the end, they prevailed and did well. I hope more people get a chance to read this true story and at the very least we can learn to believe in kids and their potential, and they can come to believe in that too.

From the world-award-winning writer comes the gripping, true story of a group of Alaskan Eskimo students who, despite nearly impossible odds, achieve one of the most stunning educational feats in the history of American education.

From the Publisher **Praise for THE KIDS FROM NOWHERE:** "This is a delightful visit to a small island in the Bering Sea without having to travel. The landscapes and seascapes are beautifully painted by an outsider, a non-Eskimo teacher, who learns to cherish and respect the culture of his students and the small village in which they live. It is a heart-wrenching story of a group of seemingly uneducable students who, with the coaching of their teacher, not only learn to love learning, but end up champions in a national competition." --Jean Auel, author of *Clan of the Cave Bear*

"Straightforwardly, *The Kids from Nowhere* is a heart-lifting epic about the educational triumph of a group of Yupik Eskimo students from tiny, isolated St. Lawrence Island, Alaska. But the story unfolds on several levels at once and is equally revealing about the stunning dedication of their gifted teacher and guide, George Guthridge." --Barry Lopez, award-winning author of *Arctic Dreams*

"*The Kids from Nowhere* is proof that people everywhere can accomplish amazing feats when given educational tools and instruction that fit their way of life and thinking. George Guthridge's poignant book is about hope rekindled in the icy north, and how a teacher learned to move from 'teaching' students to 'reaching' them. Read this book and discover how young people truly can learn commitment to a cause that, they come to realize, is much, much bigger than they ever initially imagined." --Greg Mortenson, builder of schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan and coauthor of *New York Times* bestseller *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Fight Terrorism and Build Nations One School at a Time*

"No kids are more neglected than the kids of our Native Nations. This book is a welcome remedy to that lack of attention. It's inspiring as well as being well-written, the kind of tale that every teacher and every coach should respond to. I can't recommend it highly enough." --Joseph Bruchac, Abenaki writer and storyteller, author of *Jim Thorpe: Original All-American*

"Beautifully written, *The Kids from Nowhere* is a victorious account of one teacher's journey with his Eskimo students from the edge of nowhere to the brink of endless promise." --Janet Berliner, coauthor of *Artifact*

"Struggle is not unusual in the Arctic, but the struggle for intellectual accomplishment and personal integrity takes a new twist in this compelling and engaging narrative. . . Guthridge's writing is immaculate and heartfelt as he skillfully explores village life, educational practice, and the desire to succeed." --James Ruppert Ph.D., coeditor of *Our Voices: Native Stories of Alaska and the Yukon*

"We often talk about problems facing education. Guthridge offers solid solutions." --Profs. John Creed and Susan Andrews, editors of *Authentic Alaska: Voices of its Native Authors*

"What a remarkable accomplishment!" --Grace Corrigan

(mother of Christa McAuliffe)About the AuthorGeorge Guthridge is a nationally honored educator and an award-winning author. He has published five novels and more than seventy short stories and novelettes. He is Professor of English at the University of Alaska, Bristol Bay.