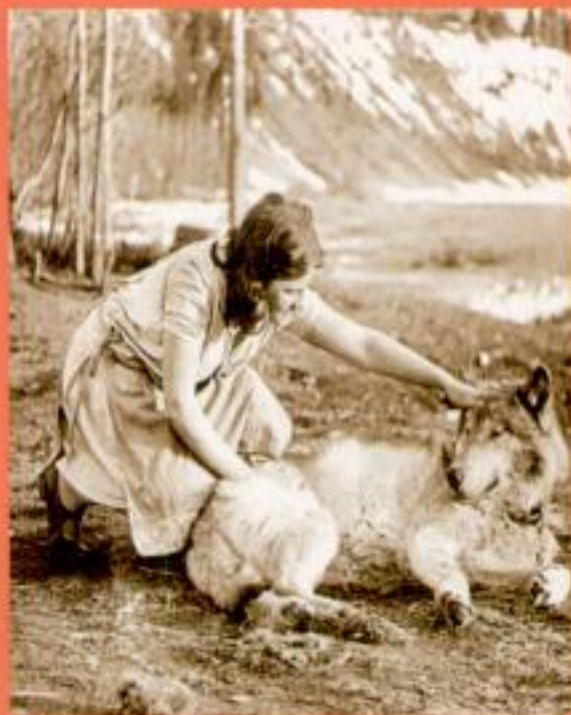


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In 1926, Aileen Gallaher, a beautiful young woman, runs away from her difficult life in California, traveling alone by train to Seattle, then by steamship to Valdez, Alaska, where she is met by trapper Clyde C. "Slim" Williams, and travels deep into the Copper River Valley. There, Aileen finds an even more difficult life. Slim Williams had stayed behind after the Klondike gold rush was over, living off the land. Although she is half his age, Aileen finds happiness in their raw existence spent in isolated cabins, facing the unrelenting challenges of wilderness survival. The fierce cold is worse than Aileen ever imagined, but she comes to love Slim and the wild Copper River country. The only thing missing is female companionship. Enter Samme, Aileen's irrepressible teenage sister. This sibling memoir reveals their emotional coming of age in a remote region even by Alaska standards. Yet, the sisters live a charmed life, and come to love a wolf from the wild. Samme Gallaher was 92 and living in Thousand Oaks, California when *Sisters* was published. Aileen Gallaher died just short of her 89th birthday in 1994.

My wife and I read this book aloud together and found it very enjoyable. It was fun to read about our home state and its early development. But it was also a fascinating human story of friendship, love, and the sad turns life can take. The only real mystery is, why in the book *Alaska Sourdough* by Richard Morenus, a book that purports to tell the story of Slim, there is no mention of Slim's years with these sisters? I read *Alaska Sourdough* almost 30 years ago and am now delighted to read more of the truth of these remarkable people.

I grew up in Ketchikan, and I loved this book. I have started a bookshelf in my home for just Alaskan books. This book was such fun to read. The conditions they lived in were unreal, but you would never know, they truly loved the time they spent there. I no longer live there and haven't for over 20 years, but I will always have fond memories of all the years I did spend there just like these two sisters did. This book is a must read and one to sit proudly on my Alaskan shelf.

I thought this book was so great that I recommended it to my family and friends. However I told them to buy their own, I just couldn't part with my copy. This was such a great book that I didn't want to put it down. If you are interested in the early history of Alaska then you should read this book. You won't be disappointed.

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Aileen and Slim Alaska Allen Smith asked baby bear beaver skins began Big Jake Bill blanket Braden brush Bucky bugs bunk Cadwalleder called Charlie Chistochina Chitina Chuck Copper Center Copper River Valley crevasse dance Dick dog harness dog team Ewan Gakona Gertie ghost Gillam girls glacier gone grabbed gray wolf GULKANA head heard Hicks hill Hoppy knew later laughed lived looked loved Manny Mary Beth Mike morning move never night pack Paul White Paxson petted Phil Phil's pulled pups Red Hurst red ribbon Richardson Highway rifle rope Seattle seemed Slim and Aileen snow someone sound Sourdough Spike Squirrel stay Stick stood stopped story talk tell thing thought timber wolf told Tonsina took trail trapper trapping cabin tree tried trip turned Valdez walked wanted watched Wheezy White and Allen Whitson wilderness winter wolves wondered yelled

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