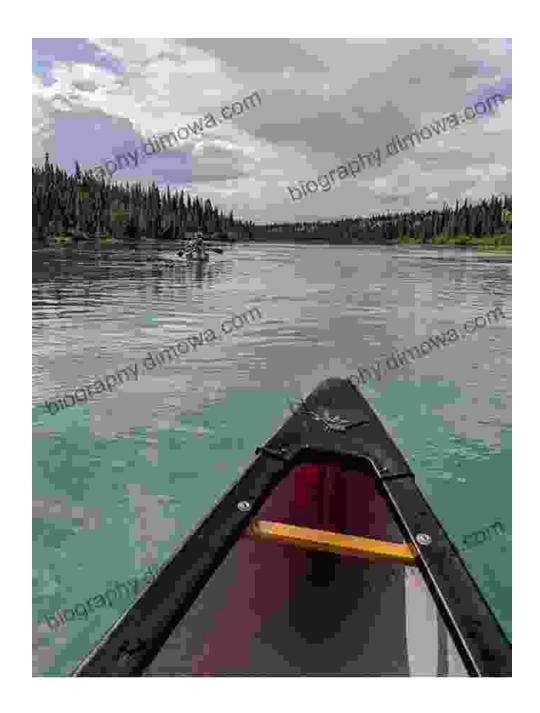
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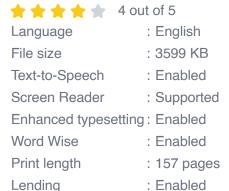
The Yukon River is one of the longest and most iconic rivers in North America. It flows for over 2,000 miles from its headwaters in British Columbia, Canada, to the Bering Sea in Alaska. The river has a rich history,

having been used by First Nations peoples for centuries for transportation, trade, and fishing. In the late 19th century, the Yukon River was the site of the Klondike Gold Rush, which brought thousands of prospectors to the region.



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Today, the Yukon River is a popular destination for canoeists and kayakers. The river offers a variety of challenges, from Class I rapids to long stretches of flat water. The scenery along the river is breathtaking, with towering mountains, glaciers, and forests.

In this article, we will share the story of three canoe trips that we have taken on the Yukon River. We will describe the challenges we faced, the wildlife we saw, and the stunning scenery we experienced. We hope that our story will inspire you to plan your own Yukon River adventure.

Trip 1: The Headwaters to Carmacks

Our first Yukon River canoe trip began in May 2015. We put in at Lake Laberge, just outside of Whitehorse, Yukon. Our goal was to paddle the river to Carmacks, a distance of about 250 miles.

The first few days of our trip were spent paddling through a series of lakes. The water was calm and the scenery was beautiful. We saw bald eagles, osprey, and moose along the way.

As we approached Carmacks, the river began to narrow and the current became stronger. We had to negotiate a few Class I rapids, but we made it through without incident.

We reached Carmacks after six days of paddling. We were tired, but we were also exhilarated. We had paddled one of the most iconic rivers in North America, and we had seen some of the most beautiful scenery in the world.

Trip 2: Carmacks to Dawson City

Our second Yukon River canoe trip began in June 2017. We put in at Carmacks and our goal was to paddle the river to Dawson City, a distance of about 350 miles.

The second section of the Yukon River is more challenging than the first. The river is wider and the current is stronger. There are also more rapids, including some Class II and Class III rapids.

We had to portage around some of the rapids, but we were able to paddle through most of them. We also had to deal with some strong winds, which made paddling difficult at times. Despite the challenges, we made it to Dawson City after nine days of paddling. We were again tired, but we were also proud of what we had accomplished. We had paddled one of the most challenging rivers in North America, and we had seen some of the most remote and beautiful scenery in the world.

Trip 3: Dawson City to the Bering Sea

Our third Yukon River canoe trip began in July 2019. We put in at Dawson City and our goal was to paddle the river all the way to the Bering Sea, a distance of about 1,000 miles.

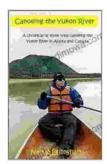
The third section of the Yukon River is the most challenging of all. The river is wide and the current is strong. There are also numerous rapids, including some Class IV and Class V rapids.

We had to portage around many of the rapids, and we had to line our canoes through some of the others. We also had to deal with some extreme weather, including rain, snow, and high winds.

Despite the challenges, we made it to the Bering Sea after 21 days of paddling. We were exhausted, but we were also overjoyed. We had paddled the entire length of the Yukon River, and we had seen some of the most amazing scenery in the world.

The Yukon River is a truly amazing river. It offers a variety of challenges and rewards for canoeists and kayakers of all levels. If you are looking for an adventure, we highly recommend paddling the Yukon River.

We hope that our story has inspired you to plan your own Yukon River adventure. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. We would be happy to help you plan your trip.



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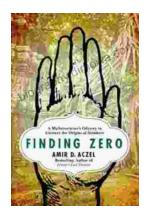
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