



Cold Land, Warm Hearts: More Memories of an Arctic Medical Outpost

By Keith Billington

Harbour Publishing. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Cold Land, Warm Hearts: More Memories of an Arctic Medical Outpost, Keith Billington, In 2008 Keith Billington's surprise best-seller, "House Calls by Dogsled" vividly described Billington and his wife Muriel's experiences providing medical care to a string of isolated First Nations settlements in the Northwest Territories during the 1960s. In this book Billington dishes up more of the hair-raising and heart-warming stories about medical emergencies and Native traditions that made his first book such a hit. In one story, he and his RCMP escort get more than they bargain for during a patrol of hunting camps as they find their loaded dogsleds plunging over a massive waterfall, which is only navigable owing to the fact it is frozen solid. Time and again the Billingtons are awoken in the wee hours to find a life-threatening emergency unfolding before their sleepy eyes, which frequently ends by lighting a makeshift airstrip with rolls of toilet paper soaked in kerosene so a steel-nerved bush pilot can be summoned on a pitch-dark mercy flight to the hospital in Inuvik. Through it all Keith and Muriel become ever closer to the Gwich'in people of the North who serve...



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