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“In this deeply honest memoir, **Weiss** reflects on her first seasons living in coastal Alaska, serenely recording the stunning unpredictability of the place and people.”

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“**TIDE, FEATHER, SNOW** is about the resplendence and subtleties of coastal Alaska, and one woman’s attempt to be fully present in them. **Weiss** serves as a skilled and poetic witness to a place undergoing incessant change.”

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**TIDE, FEATHER, SNOW**  
*A Life in Alaska*  
By **Miranda Weiss**  
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Considered America’s last frontier, Alaska is a land where the awesome power of nature is on full display: Snowy peaks that rake the sky, salmon thronging rivers by the thousands, massive tides that flush bays and passes, and days of constant summer sun and then days of darkness all winter long. When **Miranda Weiss** first moved to the coastal town of Homer, she realized that in Alaska, life is governed by these natural forces, and that here, “nothing is separate from the sea—not the sky, not the land, not a single day.” Her memoir **TIDE, FEATHER, SNOW: A Life in Alaska** captures the magnificence and splendor of Alaska and reveals Weiss’ personal journey of adventure, physical challenge, and change.

Born and raised in Maryland suburbs just outside of Washington, DC, Weiss wrote a report on Alaska in elementary school, and the idea of living there stuck with her ever since. When she was in her early 20s, without ever visiting Alaska, Weiss moved to Homer with her boyfriend, John. **TIDE, FEATHER, SNOW** chronicles her first years adjusting to life in Alaska and the

people she meets—the back-to-the landers, the misfits, the libertarians, and everyone in between—learning to live in a place “where know-how is currency and a novice’s mistakes can kill you.” A beautiful portrait of a people and place that gives readers an intimate glimpse of life in Alaska, **TIDE, FEATHER, SNOW** is nature writing at its best.

**MIRANDA WEISS** moved to Southcentral Alaska soon after graduating with a biology degree from Brown University. She later left the state to attend the graduate program in creative writing at Columbia University, where she received her MFA with a concentration in nonfiction before returning to her adopted home in Homer, Alaska.

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