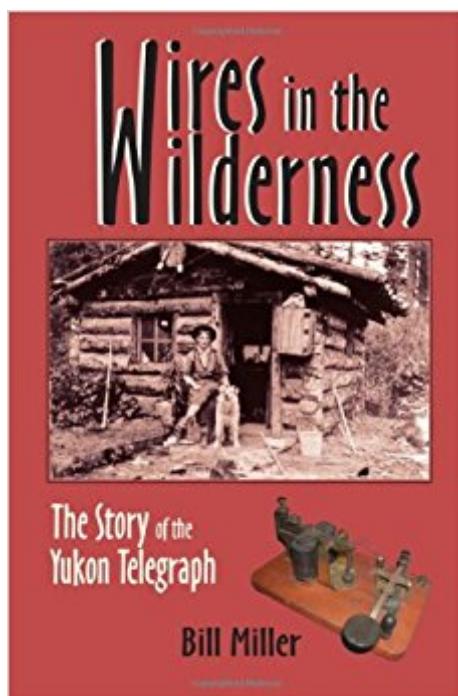


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Bill Miller lives with his wife, Nancy Lee, in the old gold-rush town of Atlin in northern British Columbia. He became intrigued by the historic Yukon Telegraph when he learned that it passed

through the area. He has worked as a civil engineer and a history teacher, most recently as a university archivist. Now retired, he welcomes the opportunity to explore his own historical studies.

exceeded my expectations. Lots of useful and interesting accounts of the exploration and development of the area. seemed to be loaded with factual information about the people and times. sometimes seemed to impose political bias, which may or may not have been factual. I found that a little distracting, but not enough for me to not give it my highest recommendation, for this kind of book.

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