

PREFACE

MUCH of the material of this book, especially that part in which the dialogue style has been adopted, is taken from my diary, and combines happenings and reminiscences, both sad and pleasant, beginning with my disappointed arrival in Dawson City, Yukon Territory, in 1904, following an experience shattered romance. story of self-sacrificing love, permeated with the highest inspirations, explores the greatest and most magnificent power within a woman's heart, and should impress all readers with the indisputable fact that life in this beautiful world, with its joys and sorrow, its successes and disappointments, is after all well worth living.

This fictionless work, which I assure you will be found both interesting and instructive, reveals the story of my life and adventures, since as a young woman, filled with the hope of untried life, I entered the Yukon and afterwards Alaska, to join my husband, who was one of the many thousands lured by reports of rich discoveries of gold, to participate in the great trek of 1898. On the whole, this book will be found both descriptive and historical, replete with tales of human interest, embellished with humour and pathos, wholesome, beautiful and inspiring ; it is at times tinged with