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## Arctic Memoir Recounts Experience in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, Home to the Largest Oilfield in North America

***REFRACTION* takes the reader on a four-year Arctic adventure, and observations on world events of the early 80s**

[SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA, November 15, 2022] We each navigate a youthful rite of passage, a precarious period when we're unsure which life path to take. *Refraction* is the story of one person's journey, told in a series of reflections on a time spent living in a frozen wasteland. Justifying the endeavor as a modern-day gold rush or a romantic odyssey could otherwise be viewed as another distorted image hovering above the horizon—another refraction. At the Community of Writers workshop, this piece was described as a cross between *Heart of Darkness* and *Into the Wild*.

*Refraction* won several writing awards including first place for adult non-fiction in the San Francisco Writing Contest, first place for narrative non-fiction in the International Chanticleer Book Awards, and first place for narrative non-fiction in the Pacific Northwest Writers Association's Literary Contest.

"Bruce Rettig has written a fascinating memoir of his summers working for a tugboat and barge company on Alaska's North Slope in the mid-1980s. A wonderful coming-of-age adventure that brings up important issues of human impact on the natural world."

– Andrea Ross, author of *Unnatural Selection: A Memoir of Adoption and Wilderness*

"Part adventure and part environmental awakening, *Refraction* carries you off like a cold and quirky carnival ride. Forty years after Rettig's first season in the Arctic, his journey is more relevant than ever."

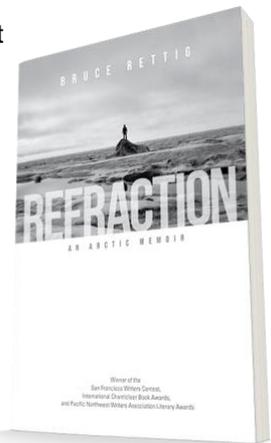
– David Masiel, author of *2182 Kilohertz* and *The Western Limit of the World*

"It's an honest rendition of one man's experience on the construction of the Alaska Pipeline and how it looks to him now. It will stand on my shelf with McKibbin and Shackleton."

– Michael O'Laughlin, author of *Omens in a Dry Season*

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More information about *Refraction* can be found on the publisher's order page at <https://bit.ly/3tdZR0R> (Published by Wayfarer Books, ISBN 978-1-956368-25-3).



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