

PUBLISHING THE ARCTIC SURVIVAL SERIES

In the early '60s when the *Tundra Times* first came into being, Howard Rock, our founder, first publisher and editor wrote a series of articles entitled *Arctic Survival*. In the articles, he told of early life in the Arctic, of his experiences growing up as an Inupiaq, and the values he inherited from his parents in the village of Point Hope.

The stories are timeless pieces of literary art, written in a style that cannot be imitated anywhere in the world today. They are refreshing, thoughtful, and beautiful words of a gentle and unassuming man who understood the deep and abiding spirit of the Inupiaq's relationship to the land and its meaning to his people.

His tale of "Popcorn proves to be Delicacy, Mincemeat a mystery" is delightful and enchanting, but it also can be instructional. It seems a waste not to share these stories with others more often than we are presently able to do.

We have been publishing for the pleasure of our readers some of the articles from time to time, and many of the comments we have received suggest that we should do something more with them such as publishing them perhaps in book form to be used in schools.

The *Tundra Times* during its 23-year history has never been financially able to do much more than publish a weekly newspaper. We have considered the idea of publishing Howard's articles, especially today when there is so much confusion about what subsistence really means. But we have been unable to do so yet. The *Arctic Survival* series seems to transmit cultural values that are being lost more and more each day. We recognize the importance of contributing Howard's legacy for better use, and we hope someone, somewhere, will also.

We would like to hear more from our readers, who have enjoyed Howard's series, and perhaps we will be able to find a way of financing a project that will not only help our young people in school, but will provide pleasurable reading for everyone.

Just continue to read the *Tundra Times*, if you've not had the opportunity to read one of the articles, because we will continue to publish them when we can.