

Some ABC's

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Editor's note: Thanks for your letters and phone calls regarding this column. We've received responses from Tundra Times readers in Anchorage, Bethel and Copenhagen, Denmark. If you have questions about the column or suggestions for subjects to discuss, let me know by writing to me at the Center for Cross-cultural Studies (CXCS), University of Alaska-Fairbanks, 99701, or call (907) 479-7185.

The Alaska Eskimo is the title of the most recent bibliography on Alaska Native groups released by the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) of the University of Alaska. Written and researched by Arthur E. Hippler and John R. Wood, this third volume is part of a planned series of four selected and annotated bibliographies on Alaska Native groups.

The preface states, "Although not exhaustive, these bibliographies indicate the best references on Alaska Native groups and describes the general nature of the works." Previously issued were *The Subarctic Athabascans* (1974) and *The Aleuts* (1975). A future volume will collect and evaluate the existing literature on Southeast Alaska Tlingit and Haida groups.

The purpose of the most recent bibliography is to provide a general overview of the literature in English concerning Alaskan Eskimos. The bibliography is comprehensive and can be used by teachers, librarians, and students with high school reading comprehension. The annotations are quite thorough list the standard publication data, and identify what appears in each book so the original source may then be consulted if the material is appropriate. The bibliography does not list children's literature nor technical archeological and ethnomusicological entries.

The format of *The Alaska Eskimos* follows that established in the previous two volumes. Entries are made by author, by date of observation and linguistic background (in this case Inupiaq, Siberian Yupik, Central Yupik and Pacific Gulf Yupik). It contains approximately 323 pages.

Teachers, librarians, and students should make good use of this bibliography and the two which preceded it. Locating sources of information for classroom use is a difficult task and these bibliographies provide valuable assistance in that search.

Copies of the three existing bibliographies are available for \$35 for the set of three or \$15 per individual volume from the Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, 99701. Also request a copy of their publications list for a glimpse of other Alaska-related materials which might be useful in your classroom or library.