

Inupiaq

REFERENCE BOOKS

Alaska reference books are indicated by AK-R in the call number and are for in-library use only. Four standard titles for research on Alaska Native groups are:

[*Handbook of North American Indians*, volume 5](#)
[*Inupiaq Eskimo Nations of Northwest Alaska*](#)
[*Native Cultures in Alaska*](#)
[*The Native People of Alaska*](#)

AK-R 970.00497 HANDBOO
AK-R 979.800497 BURCH
AK-R 306.089 NATIVE
AK-R 306.089 LANGDO

BOOKS

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[Alaskan Eskimos.](#)

An introduction to traditional Inupiat culture.
N 970.498 OSWALT

[The Eskimo about Bering Strait.](#)

Published in 1900, this is Nelson's account of the northern Alaska region around St. Michael and Norton Sound and the Native people who lived there, while in residence from 1877 through the end of 1881.
N 979.800497 NELSON

[The Eskimos of Bering Strait, 1650-1898.](#)

Details and analysis of the culture and changes that have occurred since the first accounts of the Eskimos from Siberia to the gold rush.
N 979.8004 RAY

[Gift of the Whale : The Iñupiat Bowhead Hunt, a Sacred Tradition.](#)

Through striking black and white imagery, photographer Bill Hess displays the importance of the whale hunt to Inupiat communities.
N 639.28 HESS

[Give or Take a Century : An Eskimo Chronicle.](#)

An exploration of Native life written and illustrated by Joseph E. Senungetuk, this modern classic also contains a chronology of native history and a list of items that are original Alaska Native inventions.
N 970.3 SENUNGE

[Hunters of the Polar North—The Eskimos.](#)

Full color photos of arctic life adorn the pages of the book, with illustrations of clothing, hunting tools, sledges, and the seldom-constructed igloo.
N 970.00497 HERBERT

[The Inupiat and Arctic Alaska : An Ethnography of Development.](#)

Written by Norman Chance, this is an in-depth, highly readable examination of the Inupiat people covering their history, culture and social life up to contemporary times.
N 305.89710798 CHANCE

[The Iñupiaq Eskimo Nations of Northwest Alaska.](#)

Social anthropologist Ernest Burch, Jr. provides an introduction to the original regional Native groups of northwest Alaska and Canada, describing each nation's subsistence, cyclic movements and territorial environment.

N 979.800497 BURCH

[Last Light Breaking : Living among Alaska's Inupiat Eskimos.](#)

Contemporary author Nick Jans lived 14 years with Natives of the Kobuk River region of Alaska, and in these essays relates an understanding of the culture of the people.

N 979.86 JANS

[North Alaska Chronicle : Notes from the End of Time.](#)

Simon Paneak's drawings depict many aspects of survival on the North Alaska tundra and are the only memoir in existence of the traditional Nunamiut culture and way of life. Includes rare documentary photography by Campbell and other scientists working in Alaska during 1956-1985.

N 979.8004971 CAMPBEL

[The North Alaskan Eskimo : A Study in Ecology and Society.](#)

This study done for the Smithsonian Institution in 1957 describes Inupiat shelter, language, family and kinship, property, the Messenger feast, the supernatural, shamanism, folk tales, and time reckoning.

N 572 SPE

[The Northern Eskimos of Alaska : A Source Book.](#)

Designed for educators, this book includes a section outlining the differences between the Nunamiut and the Tereumiut groups.

N 970.1 BLAND

[Nunamiut Eskimos, Hunters of Caribou.](#)

A vivid description of the inland-dwelling Nunamiut written more than 30 years ago.

N 970.3 GRUBSER

[People of the Ice and Snow.](#)

This Time-Life book has excellent photos and graphics of the Arctic peoples across the top of the globe.

N 979.8004971 PEOPLE

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To find additional titles, try these subject headings:

- Eskimos — Alaska
- Inupiat
- Inupiaq Language

Try a keyword search to widen your results. Some examples:

- Eskimo
- Inuit
- Inupiat
- Inupiaq

Some authors who have written about the Inupiaq:

- Ernest S. Burch, Jr.
- Norman Chance
- J. Louis Giddings
- Margaret Lantis
- Dorothy Ray
- James VanStone

MAGAZINES & JOURNALS

These are good sources for Alaska Native information:

- *Alaska Journal of Anthropology*
- *Anthropological Papers of the University of Alaska*
- *Arctic Anthropology*
- *Uiniq* (alt. title: *Open Lead*)

COMPUTER DATABASES

- For full-text documents as well as other formats, search *EbscoHost*, *Gale Resource Center*, or *Facts on File News Digest* online databases.

For Alaska newspaper articles search the *Anchorage Daily News Archives* (1985-present) or *NewsBank Inc.* for Alaska newspapers (Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau)

MEDIA

[Nanook of the North](#) [Video] *not held by Loussac.*

VHS 970.3 NANOOK

[Siulipta Paitaat : Our Ancestors' Heritage](#) [Video]

VHS 979.86 SIULIPT

[Songs of the Nunamiut](#) [Compact disc]

CD P COLL SN I98

[Welcome to Our Land](#) [Video]

VHS 979.800497 WELCOME

SELECTED INTERNET SOURCES

Alaska Digital Archive: Alaska Native History & Cultures

<http://vilda.alaska.edu/>

Alaska Humanities Forum: Inupiaq & St. Lawrence Island Yupik

<http://www.akhistorycourse.org/articles/article.php?artID=192>

Alaska Native Knowledge Network: Inupiaq & St. Lawrence Island Yupik

<http://www.ankn.uaf.edu/aleut.html>

Alaska Native Heritage Center: Inupiaq & St. Lawrence Island Yupik

http://www.alaskanative.net/en/main_nav/education/culture_alaska/inupiaq/

Alaska Native Languages

<http://www.uaf.edu/anlc/languages.html>

Alaska/Polar Periodicals Index via University of Fairbanks Goldmine Library Catalog

<http://goldmine.uaf.edu/uhtbin/cgisirsi.exe/x/0/0/49/>

Alaskool (Institute of Social & Economic Research, University of Alaska Anchorage)

<http://www.alaskool.org/alaska.htm>

SLED – Alaska Native and Indigenous Peoples

<http://sled.alaska.edu/native.html>

Tukilik Foundation: A Window to the Great North

<http://www.tukilik.org/?sv=&category=Home>

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