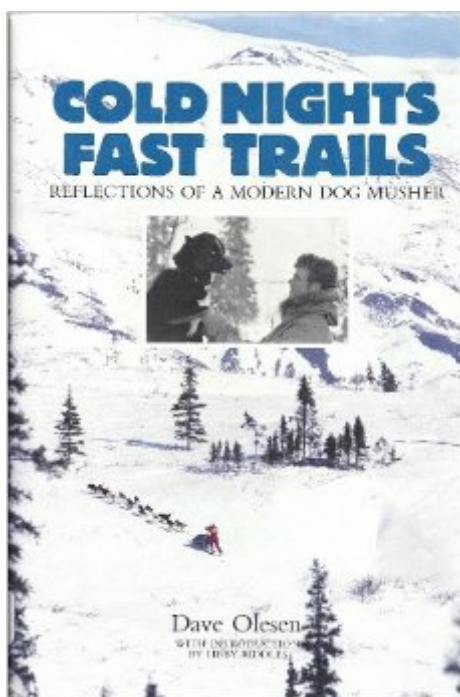


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# Cold Nights: Fast Trails : Reflections Of A Modern Dog Musher



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