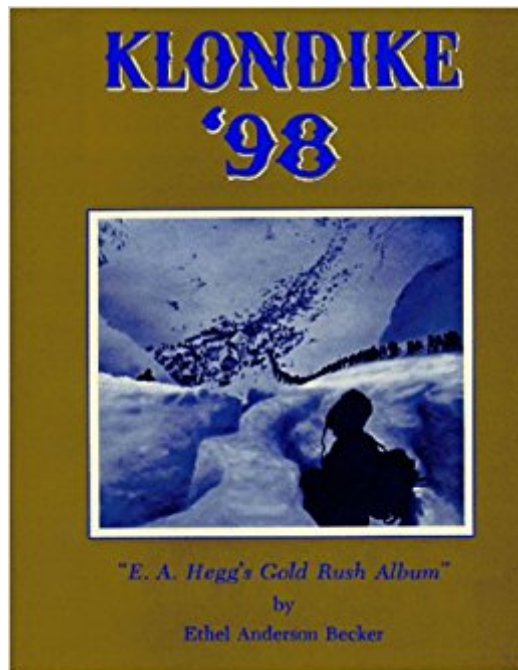




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In July 1897, the steamer Excelsior docked in San Francisco with a cargo of gold and the news of a great new bonanza in the Yukon Territory. In this thin treasure of photographs and memories of the Klondike discovery finally finished and published in 1967, Ethel Becker, a sourdough child herself, for the ages, gives us the last mother lode. She coupled her story with the priceless photographs of E.A. Hegg's Gold Rush Album. As Ethel was gathering old plates and starting to assemble the story of the Klondike, she asked Mr. Hegg to review her material. The best review of this treasure was given by Mr. Hegg himself who wrote to Ethel in April 1941 . . . "I could ask for no better supplement to those (his) pictures which I have more fun taking some forty-five years ago." Now as we celebrate the Klondike Centennial those days spring to a new life that we Chechakos can only dream about. They drive you to re-read the poems of Robert W. Service. You are there at Dyea, repeatedly climb the thousand steps from the Scales to Chilcoot Pass and finally reach Lake Lindeman and the Yukon for the last leg to Dawson. Or you are in Skagway as Soapy Smith organizes an army of

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