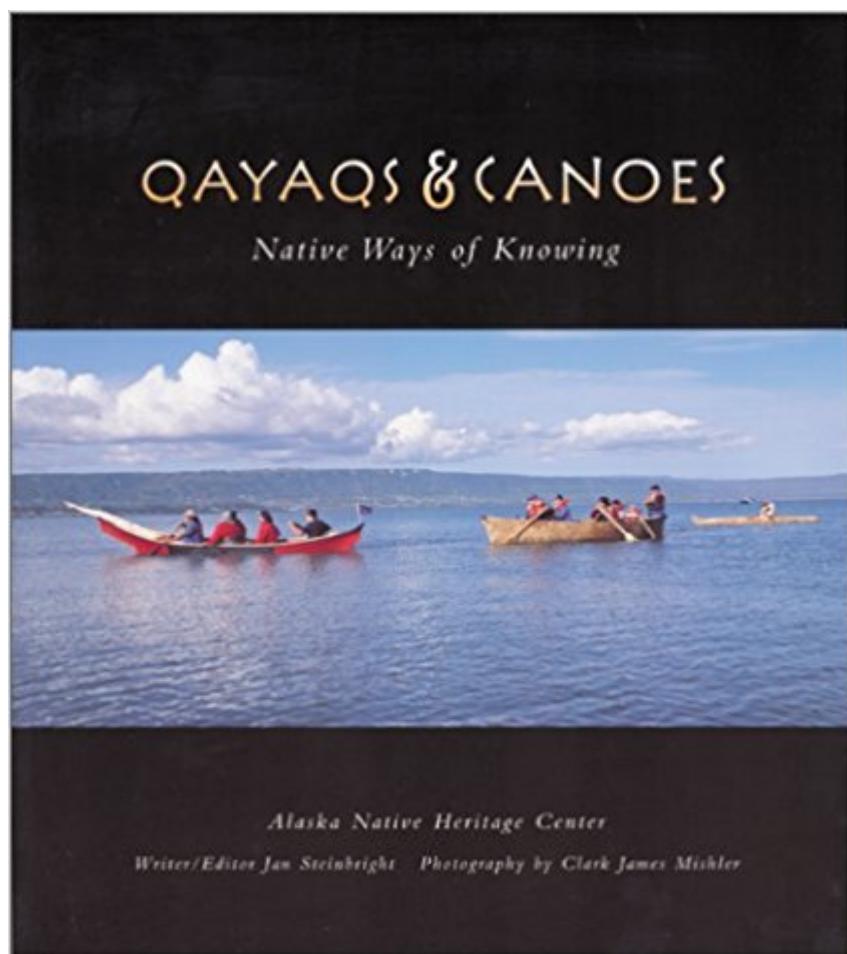


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# Qayaqs & Canoes: Native Ways Of Knowing



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Alaska Native master boat builders, apprentices, and volunteers build eight traditional watercraft, recapturing the knowledge of their ancestors and reviving the spirit of their people.

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## **Customer Reviews**

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This is a story about why these boats were made, not how they were made. It was an interesting story of how a native people are trying (and largely succeeding) to hang on to an important tradition. Boatbuilding, not so much...

Qayaqs & Canoes: Native Ways of Knowing by writer/editor Jan Steinbright is a superb presentation of simple, traditionally made water craft among Alaska's Native American population, and the

people who build and use them today. Illustrated with gorgeous color photographs taken by Clark James Mishler, and filled with countless personal interviews, Qayaqs & Canoes is a truly beautiful book and very highly recommended reading for anyone interested in learning about the means by which Alaska's Native Americans have traveled the sea from time immemorial.

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