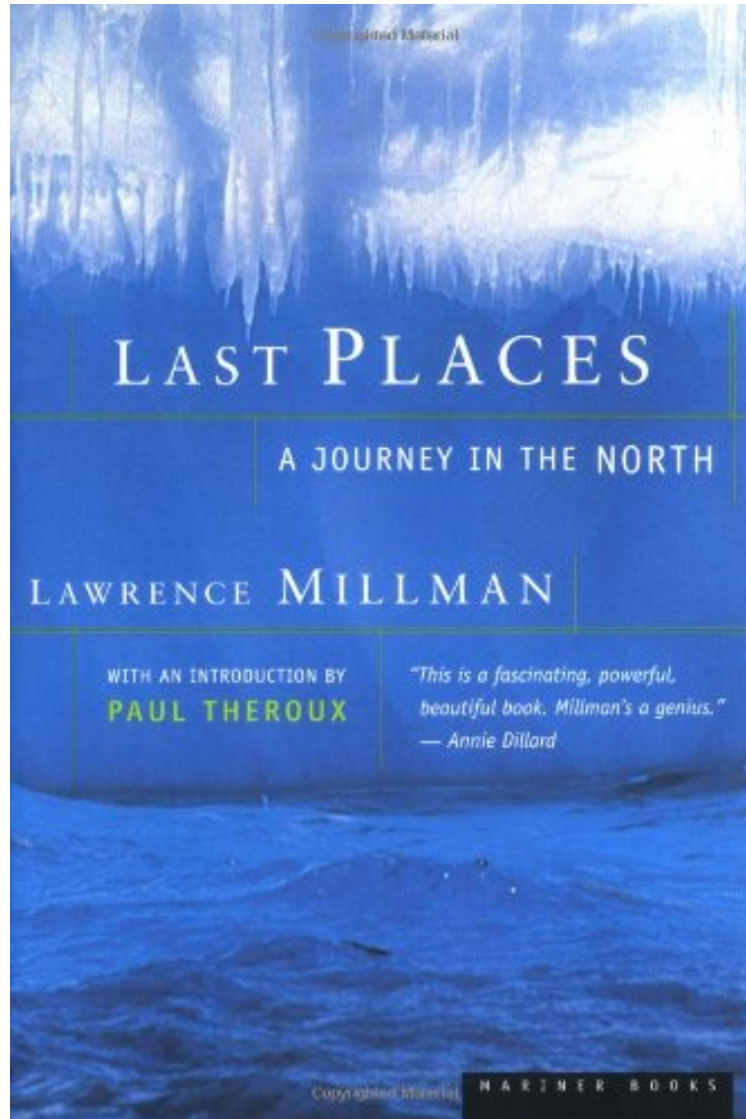


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A classic of northern exploration and adventure, LAST PLACES is Lawrence Millman's marvelously told account of his journey along the ancient Viking sea routes that extend from Norway to Newfoundland. Traveling through landscapes of transcendent desolation, Millman wandered by way of the Shetland Islands, the Faeroes, Iceland, Greenland, and Labrador. His way was marked by surprising human encounters--with a convicted murderer in Reykjavik, an Inuit hermit in Greenland, an Icelandic guide who leads him to a place called Hell, and a Newfoundlander who warns him about the local variant of the Abominable Snowman. By turns earthy and lyrical, LAST PLACES is an ebullient celebration of the exotic North.

From Publishers Weekly Readers who are captivated either by offbeat adventure or by the Far North need look no further. Novelist and poet Millman followed the Vikings' route from Norway to Newfoundland and Labrador, journeying by ferry, mail boat and cargo vessel to the Shetlands, Faeroes and Iceland, with side trips to isolated islands (Foua, Grimsey). From Iceland, he flew to a former air base in Greenland, where he explored Viking sites in the south on both coasts. Flying to Newfoundland, he traveled by ferry to Goose Bay, Labrador; in this lonely place, peace was shattered by NATO planes running test flights into the interior. Returning to Newfoundland by ferry, Millman completed his journey at the Vikings' last-known settlement, L'Anse aux Meadows. The volume paints a bleak portrait of such dwellings, especially in Greenland, of a primitive people no longer self-sufficient, herded into ghettos. The author tells also of the region's natural wildness, embattled at times by humans: he witnessed whale-bashing in the Faeroes and endured attacks by nesting skuas in the Shetlands. Millman's descriptive writing borders on the florid, but he captures the beauty and fragility of an austere landscape. Author tour. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Known for his travel writing, Millman chronicles his journey across the breadth of the North Atlantic, following the route of the Vikings. The armchair traveler accompanies Millman on board various ships from Bergen, Norway, via the Shetland Islands, the Faeroes, Iceland, and Greenland, to Labrador and Newfoundland. The author not only describes the beauty of these remote places but relates the history of their land and people, tells tales of the local mythology, and has heartwarming encounters with the native residents. He never fails to point out how environmental and social changes are endangering these far away and forgotten lands. Millman's acerbic wit makes the book extremely entertaining. He imparts his love and respect for the primitive radiance of the landscape and the hardy character of the region's often eccentric residents.- Melinda Stivers Leach, Precision Editorial Svces., Wondervu, Col. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. "In Millman's harsh North, the stark beauty of the last places lingers." Boston Globe "This is a fascinating, powerful, beautiful book. Millman's a genius." -- Annie Dillard