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#### Review

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"Descriptions are clear, the photos illustrate the finer points, and the drawings offer helpful hints." -- *Canoe & Kayak*

"When I build my [baidarka], Wolfgang Brinck's book will be on my workbench." -- *Cunningham, Chris, Sea Kayaker*

#### From the Back Cover

Whether you're a hard-shell kayaker looking for an inexpensive, seakindly alternative, or a tradition-minded sea kayaker attracted to the look and feel of organic boats, this book's for you.

Skin-and-frame baidarkas have been used as hunting craft in the Aleutian Islands for thousands of years, their elegant yet simple design allowing hunters to take extended offshore voyages in treacherous waters. The light baidarka--a 17-footer weighs just 35 pounds--is a great cruising boat, with lots of space for gear and a forgiving hull shape that's easy to build.

*The Aleutian Kayak* tells you everything you need to know to build an authentic baidarka in your basement or garage for \$200, a fraction of what it would cost to buy an assembly-line plastic boat.

You don't need woodworking experience or an elaborate tool collection. If you can learn to use a handsaw, a block plane, and a drill, you can build a baidarka. And you don't need exotic materials. Author Wolfgang Brinck has used scrap lumber from home remodeling projects for the deck beams of his last few boats.

Here are clear, step-by-step, extensively illustrated instructions to guide you through the process--from buying materials, tailoring the boat to fit your body, building the frame and deck, and sewing the skin. You'll also find instructions on building a paddle, sewing your own paddling jacket and spray skirt, making repairs, and *using* your baidarka.

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"Nature failed to provide [the Aleuts] with the material necessary for boats, that is, wood; but on the other hand, as if in compensation, she gave them greater ingenuity for the perfection of a special new kind of fleet: the baidarka."--Ivan Veniaminov, 1840

". . . The baidarka has survived intact across oceans, cultural boundaries, and time. Those who choose to build these craft today, whether for six weeks or for a lifetime, join in a collective journey whose beginnings as an interglacial experiment remain as mysterious as the origins of human intelligence itself."--from the

Foreword by George B. Dyson, Author, *Baidarka*

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