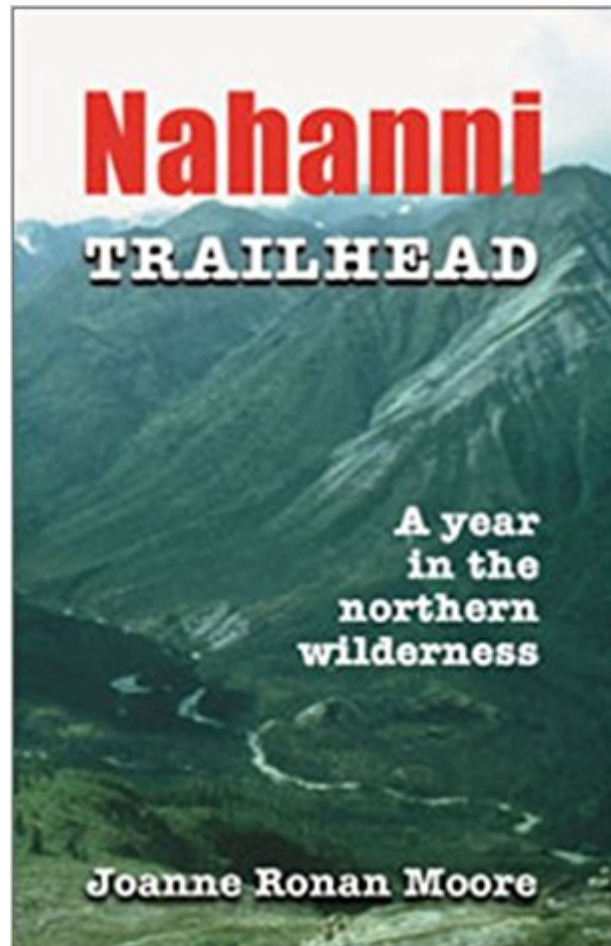




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Synopsis

The South Nahanni River of Canada's Northwest Territories has captivated canoeists and mountain adventurers for decades. Imagine flying 4,000 pounds of supplies into the Nahanni River Valley with plans to build a cabin on the shores of the legendary river and live there for a year -- on your honeymoon. That is what John and Joanne Moore did. The author tells how they transported their provisions into the remote area and built their cabin on the South Nahanni River, an area cut off from the outside world by mountain ranges, its only highway the wild river that carves its way through cliffs a thousand feet high. Here the Moores lived for a year, and traveled by canoe, foot, snowshoe and ski in the isolated land they came to love. An engaging adventure story, this is also a blue-print for anyone wishing to make a wilderness -- living dream come true.

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Customer Reviews

This was a really great book - simple straightforward writing, yet it catches you up and makes you feel like you're there. And unlike so many bloody/gory survival in the wilderness type books, there's only one moose who bites the dust for them to eat, as they brought all their own supplies. They really didn't want to kill the moose and the story is tastefully done. The descriptions of this especially beautiful part of the world are well done and the author remains upbeat even when describing getting cabin fever at 40 below. And her descriptions of the wolves are priceless. She really loves nature and it comes through in every sentence. She also takes their self-reliance for granted and has no posturing about how clever and good at it they are, very humble. All in all, a simple but evocative and wonderful book. I read it in one sitting, as I couldn't put it down.

In an eloquent bit of understatement, RM Patterson called the savage South Nahanni River "The Dangerous River". Despite this advance billing, John Moore proposed marriage to his fiancée and, at the same time, suggested that they spend their honeymoon homesteading for one year in the wildly remote Nahanni valley. Joanne accepted and the rest, as they say, is history. Lovers of adventure reading will savor "Nahanni Trailhead", the distillation of Joanne's journal from their wilderness year, compiled from diary notes written at the end of almost every challenging day. Courage, romance, hardship, excitement, cold, danger, peace, tranquility, fulfilment, loneliness and occasionally even tedium ... but all of it in an easy going style of writing that flows naturally from first page to last. Read it once and, I guarantee it, you'll read it again. Highly recommended! Paul Weiss

I love this book and reread it every couple of years. It has always been my dream to live in the wilderness for a year, as this honeymooning couple did. It is well and simply written, with a few maps but only disappointingly blurry pictures. There's lots of great description, including the occasional tedium of holing up for the winter, the joys they had exploring the area once spring arrived, and the terror of dealing with wolves (or was it bears?) trying to break into their cabin. They are candid about what they did wrong and how they dealt with spending so much uninterrupted time together.

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