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# Lead, Follow Or Get Out Of The Way: Unconventional Sled Dog Secrets Of An Alaskan Iditarod Champion, Vol. 1



## Synopsis

Mitch Seavey challenges convention and offers his proven insights to dog mushing in a humorous, fast paced and unabashed style, seasoned throughout with anecdotes and fascinating personal tales.

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## Customer Reviews

It's not for everyone. I can tell we have similar personalities, so I was not offended by the biting humor interwoven in the instruction. Bypass if you have thin skin or are not interested in the minute details of how this sport works. A must read for the rest.

My first read on Sled dogs. Seavey is up front and not very PC. Just what I like. I am someone who has trained many retrievers for competition and do not think this book will help me on that, but I wasn't looking for help with that portion of my life. My background does give me the impression that author understands dogs quite well and is good at what he writes about. Do not expect a instruction manual on how to dabble in sled dogs. He seems to have only one goal, and that is to win, or at least be competitive, in the 1,000 mile Iditarod Dog Race. There are no half ways with a mission like that. If that is your aim, this a absolute must read. If not, still a fun read and you will know more about this unique and interesting obsession. Book lists authors accomplishments, but since published one of his sons (Dallas Seavey) won the 2012 race and became the youngest winner ever. It sure seems he is staying current with the evolution of this sport.

Mitch Seavey knows how to train dogs, and even though this book is a 'good read' for any mushing fan, he goes 'all out' in sharing his ideas of what works and what doesn't in training sled dogs for distance racing, particularly the Iditarod. Reading it is like sitting in a room in Alaska chatting with Mitch. If you like to 'talk dogs', you'll love this book.

I thought it was very good. He is very honest and like another reviewer said not cotten-padded or wool-wrapped! I got a lot out of what he has said about training methods and his training techniques have greatly improved my team. The book was soooo funny! I recommend this book to anyone who wants to improve their team.

An excellent book from a dog driver that has forgotten more than most people will ever know. Its an honest account of one mans training techniques and his views on the training techniques used by others. Reading it is like hearing him speak it, its not a fluffy, cotton wool wrapped sanitised account, its a down to earth, this is how it is type of read, and all the better for it I say. Written with a sense of humour that can be fully appreciated by anyone that has ever been behind a dog team. A brilliant book that made me laugh out loud (especially the chapter on Velcro). Worth every penny and even better the second time you read it, which you will.. I can almost guarantee it.

great book

One Of the very best dog books I 've ever read. I recommend it to all dog owners.

"You have to whack him good...If you are going to bother with this its got to sting." Unbelievable that an Iditarod champion would actually encourage people to beat their dogs with a 3 foot by 1/2 inch stick to get them to pull! Sorry I cannot recommend this book. It's called animal abuse. Here's a clue Mitch - if the dog doesn't want to pull then perhaps instead of beating him you might simply replace him with another. (Yes, I drive dogs so I know a little about motivating an animal but only through non-violent techniques.) Best of luck Mr. Seavy in this year's Iditarod. If all goes well perhaps a race official will see you doing this and you will be disqualified and/or suspended. (Hopefully both.) PS. Does Ramy Brooks ring a bell?

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