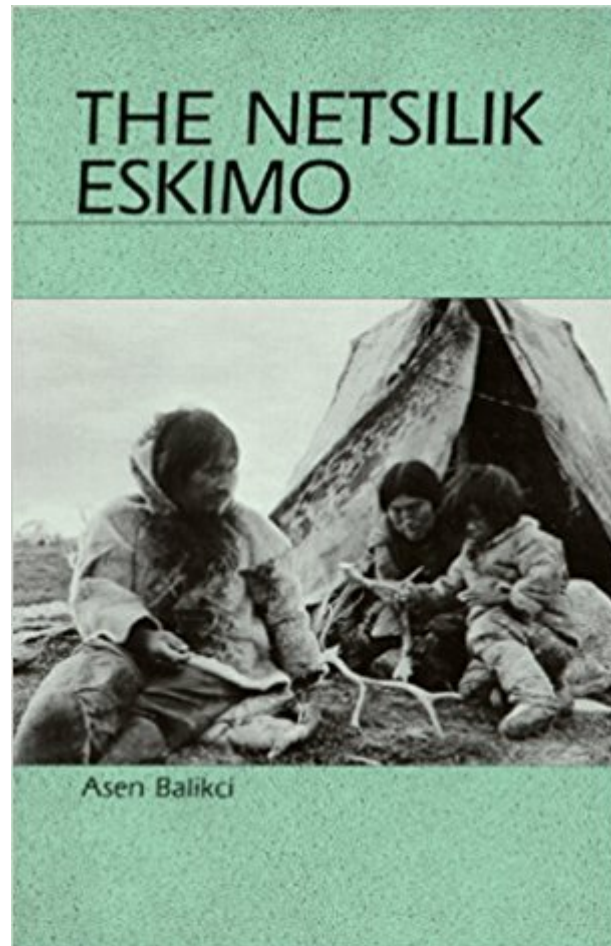




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it a excellent book

I Read this book in addition to another one for an anthropology class and it was very interesting to learn about how the Netsilik Eskimo who lived on Alaska developed survival skills in a very difficult environment.

Good.

This is a good read if you want to know how the Netsilik lived in the fifties and sixties but horrible if you want to know how they live today. The book offers lengthy discriptions that would have better the book if they were cut down to spare the reader horrible explanations. It offers a small explanation as to these people's lives but does nothing to make you picture them in your mind.

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