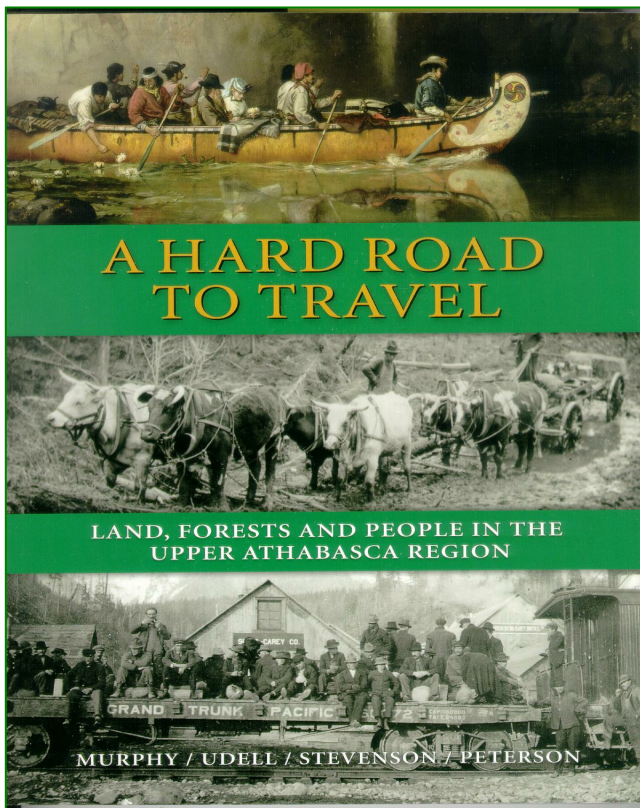


A HARD ROAD TO TRAVEL: LAND, FORESTS AND PEOPLE IN THE UPPER ATHABASCA REGION

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