

Book of northern people

In Japan, the image of the Eskimo (Inuit) people was created by Mr. Katsuichi Honda's documentary "Canadian Eskimos". They live in an ice igloo

(actually, that's made from packed snow house) and ate raw meat while butchering the animal. I remember, my first connection to the "Eskimo" is from a booklet that came with a magazine for elementary school students, featuring the peoples of the world. That booklet had Africa, Asia, or remote island people; I was most interested people living in the Arctic.

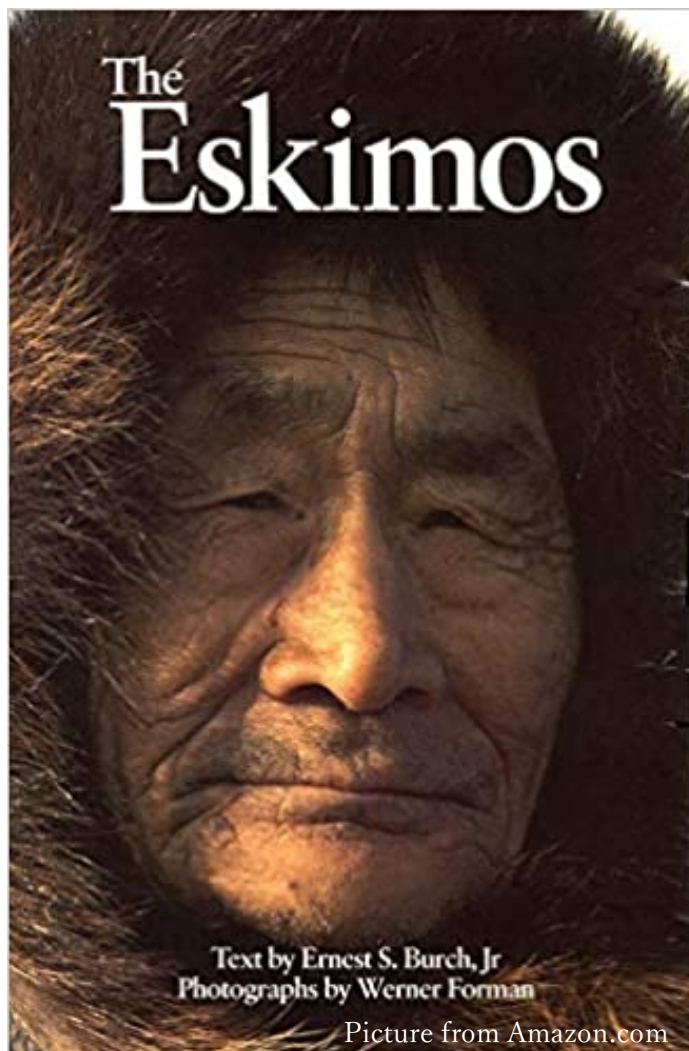
When Mr. Honda was visiting with them, they had not settled and living in family units with hunting. But after a few years, the Canadian government was to settle them people down. Right now, no more people living old style.

When I read that book, I admired the people who lived in igloos, hunting in the bitter cold.

But it was an unfulfilled dream. Even our lives have changed drastically over the past 50 years, and the Eskimo lives have changed too. The world has changed so drastically, we can talk to the people in the Arctic on the web without a time difference from

Japan.

By the way, you want to know more about the Eskimo, probably only get extremely old information, or current information that is written by the people themselves on social media (In Japan).



There are not many books written about Eskimo culture, life and history (in japan). But There is a book about Arctic people. I would recommend this book.

"The Eskimos" (Original publication, 1988) this book published already over 30 years ago, but you can still find it in used books or in libraries.

Probably this is the only book written detailed about history and culture people living in the Arctic Circle for the ordinary people (In Japan. Not sure other country).

I remember first time I read this book. I was really excited because I could know a lot of new thing from every page. Now I turn the pages again, I found place name that were very familiar to me. Some pictures of tools I had seen before real. Some old story I had completely forgotten was about one of my hometowns in Alaska. I'm really exciting again.

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※I wrote "Eskimo" on purpose this time.