

Dena'ina Sukdu'a

Traditional Stories of the Tanaina Athabaskans



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The art of oral narrative folklore is richly illustrated in *Dena'ina Sukdu'a*, a collection of traditional tales recorded by five Dena'ina Athabaskan storytellers. Presented here in Dena'ina with facing-page English translations are stories that describe the ways of the world and events that occurred in ancient times. Characters such as Raven, Lynx, and Wolverine had the ability to be either animal or human, and their stories convey essential Dena'ina beliefs.

This set of 24 texts was compiled by linguist Joan Tenenbaum, who worked on the recordings, transcriptions, and translations in Nondalton from 1973 to 1975. The stories offer a lively insight into the Dena'ina people, their beliefs, their heroes, and their views of the world.

An accompanying audio CD includes six stories from the original Nondalton recordings, representing all five Dena'ina storytellers.

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