



Shelley Gill

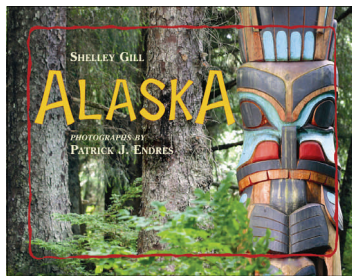
"I have one simple goal. I want to produce something kids can relate to, a story that knocks their socks off, that fills them with that WOW feeling."

Author, adventurer, whale detective, pony wrangler, dog musher, and all-around fun hog, Shelley Gill lives her books! Shelley Gill's books on Alaska and the Pacific Northwest have sold more than a million copies since she stopped papering her bathroom with rejection slips and helped start a children's publishing company in Alaska. Her first book, *Kiana's Iditarod*, was about her own experience as one of the first women to run in the 1,100-mile dogsled race to Nome. Since then Shelley has written twenty-five more best-sellers.

Shelley was previously an editor at *Alaska Woman* magazine, and has also worked as a reporter, editor, and publisher for the *Frontiersman* and *Valley Sun* newspapers in the Matanuska-Susitana Valley.



Shelley lives with her family on a ridge above Kachemak Bay in Homer, Alaska. For more information about Shelley's work, visit her website, www.shelleygill.com.

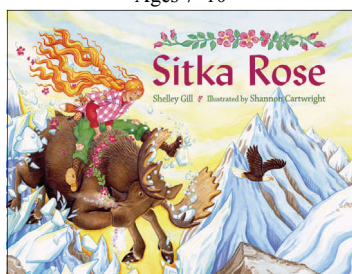


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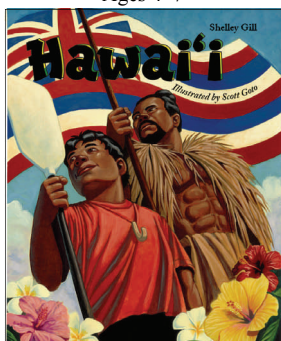
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