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PEOPLE OF THE NOATAK.

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Claire Fejes, a native New Yorker and artist, lives in Fairbanks with her husband and two children. Several years ago she yielded to the conviction that she must go and live among the Eskimos, escape civilization, and find among the primitives a grace and beauty her art longed for. For five summers she lived among Eskimos in a remote area near the Bering Strait under conditions of discomfort that would have been endured only by one driven beyond all ordinary comprehension. She painted the golden Eskimo women at work. She drew hundreds of sketches. The people accepted her; they allowed her to paint and draw them as much as she liked. She loved them.

Her book has been built up from her journals, letters and drawings. It has a wholesome quality as it tells details of Eskimo woman's life rarely reported for the general reader.

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