

who has stolen the dowry; how poor young Laodice, loving the real Philadelphus, thinks herself the wife, rejected and helpless, of the false Philadelphus; how the true Maccabee recovers from his wounds and plays a man's part in the doomed city, but all in vain; how the tangled web is finally undone—all this makes a good story. The thread of Christian charity and courage runs through all and finally binds all together.

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**The Young Alaskans.** By Emerson Hough. Illustrated. Harper & Brothers, New York, 1908. Pages 292. Price \$1.25.

Three Alaskan boys go to Kadiak Island on a hunting and fishing trip. They are cast away in a dory at Kaludiak Bay, one of the wildest spots in Alaska. Here in spite of danger and hardship they have the time of their lives. The story has the atmosphere of the sea and the great open spaces of the North.

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