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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Rare Glimpse of Another WorldBy James L. HufferdThough I'm not a Japan scholar particularly, I am a well-published author. One of my main interests is remote, isolated islands that

it's hard to find information about, such as Socotra, Kerguelen, Svalbard, Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean, Tristan da Cunha, South Georgia, Sakhalin, St. Kilda, Anticosti, Banks Island, Marion Island, etc., and I'm always reading anything and everything I can get my hands on about such. Because, along with Keewatin, Patagonia, etc. on the main, they comprise each another and almost unknown small or vast rare portion of the earth. Even though the Hiltons were on Sakhalin for 5 days (and I don't think he ever explained why their bureaucratically-difficult to arrange stay was so brief), Mr. Hilton's experiences there were made special and interesting by his appreciative attitude and winning skills of observation. This was the only modern travel account that I've ever found, and it did leave behind a vivid picture of what conditions and life there are like. A good example for more of us travelers! And I already have on order his book of impressions and experiences living on Japan's lesser-known northern island of Hokkaido. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One of those books that you wish would not end. Stays with you a long time afterward. By William M. Dean I'm not generally a fan of travel books, but I thought this would be a simple and quick read, and I am a fan of much of this author's previous work. Russia's Wild Island is a deceptively easy read that somehow packs in a lot of heart. There are characters and hilarious moments in this little book that refuse to fade, weeks after reading. As a writer, I am jealous of the subtle and disciplined delivery with which DG Hilton serves up the comedy inherent in his companions, as well as himself. My greatest criticism: It ends too quickly. If you're a fan of travel writing, then this is gold!

The journey to Russia's Sakhalin Island by ferry from Northern Japan takes about six hours, but it's a voyage that spans decades. With history hanging in the air, the author travels by land and sea with his wife to the birthplace of her father, who as a boy fled to Japan to escape advancing Soviet forces. Together, they explore southern Sakhalin (known as Karafuto in Japan) in an old 4X4, and discover a land of living history, stunning natural beauty, and proud, colorful people. Long disputed by two great nations technically still at war and prized for its rich natural resources, Sakhalin Island is an adventure travel destination unlike any other.

About the Author D.G. Hilton has been writing fiction and creative nonfiction since the 1990s. His work has appeared in books, magazines, newspapers, and websites in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Japan. He currently lives in Victoria, B.C. where he continues to write.