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ALASKAN ESKIMO GRAPHIC ARTS
FEATURED IN NEW PUBLICATION

"Graphic Arts of the Alaskan Eskimo," a new profusely illustrated 88-page publication, is now being offered for sale by the Government, the Department of the Interior announced today.

Illustrated with nearly 100 reproductions of graphic works of art by Alaskan Eskimos, the publication depicts such unusual items as engravings on ivory and watercolor drawings on skin and paper, as well as woodcuts, etchings, lithographs, and engravings.

An accompanying interpretive text is by anthropologist Dorothy Jean Ray.

The new publication has been compiled by the Indian Arts and Crafts Board, an advisory agency headed by five Commissioners appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. It contains a foreword by Vincent Price, the actor and art expert who currently serves as chairman of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board.

"We are particularly enthusiastic about the work in media by young Alaskan Eskimo artists of today who are extending this important graphic tradition of the North into the competitive and expansive concepts of our contemporary world," Chairman Price said.

The publication is the second in a series titled "Native American Arts" published by the Indian Arts and Crafts Board. Priced at \$1 per copy, it is available from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402. Orders should specify the catalog number, I1.84/4:2.

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