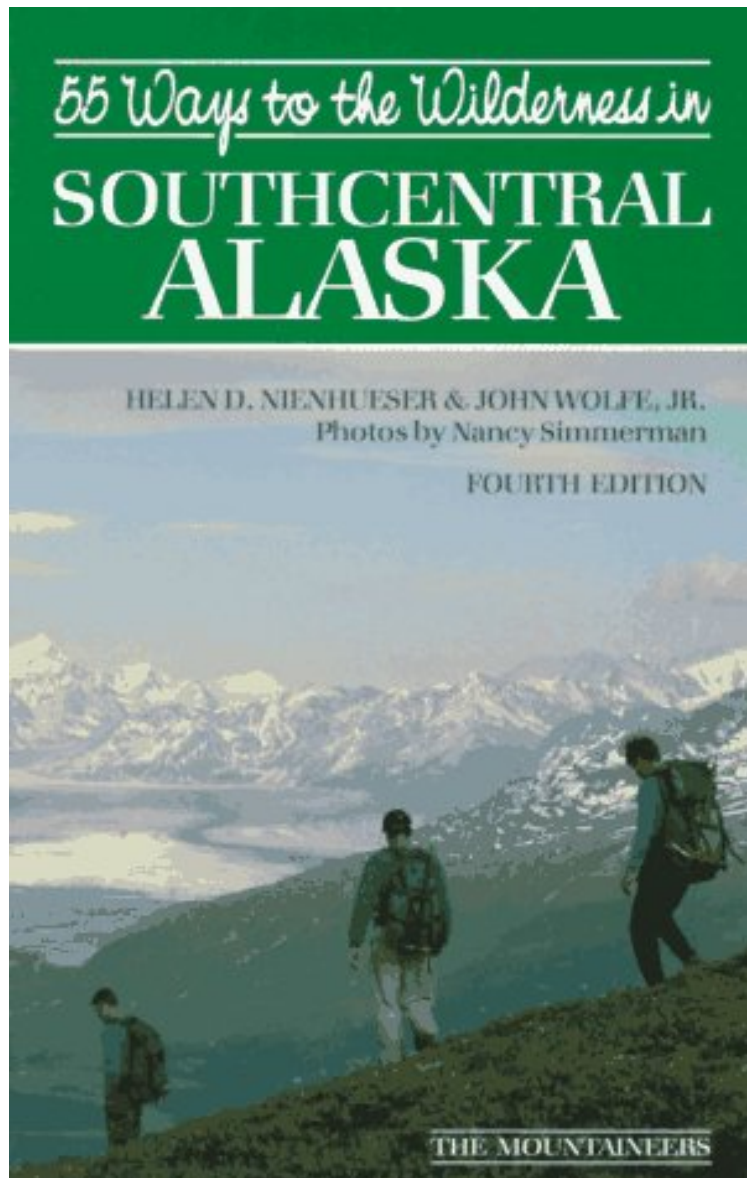


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Describes hiking and cross-country skiing trails, including distance, elevation, and best season.