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In reference to the Scandinavian North, this book uses “the Scandinavian North” as a general term, and Sápmi when referring specifically to Saami ancestral lands. The old term, “Lapland,” is used only in direct quotations from the primary source material.

The indigenous inhabitants of North America are referred to as First Nations throughout this book. For specific groups, a gloss is provided where possible, particularly when quoted from the primary source material. The terms employed by early observers are often problematic and it is not always possible to state with certainty to which group, tribe, or band they were referring.

Until recently, foreign observers referred to Inuit as “Eskimo/Esquimaux,” terms no longer acceptable. This book follows the charter of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, which uses the term Inuit inclusively to cover the Inupiat, Yupik, Inuit (northeastern Canada: Nunavut, Nunavik, Nunatsiavut), Inuvialuit, Kalaallit, and Yupik peoples.

Direct quotations from contemporary sources are presented here as is, including italicization and capitalization, with the exception of the replacement of ampersands with the word “and” or “et” as appropriate. Due to the common occurrence of spelling errors in those sources, the distracting “sic” is not used here.
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