The sheer volume of gold removed from the Treadwell mines was a mind-boggling achievement. The human story is compelling too.... The book read like a screenplay; when will the movie be out?
— Jeff Brown, Program Director, KTOO Public Radio, Juneau, Alaska

Treadwell Gold is not your typical history of a notable mine with a fascinating past. Sheila Kelly skillfully weaves tales of real people who knew Treadwell (her own family included) with solid historical research.
— Noel W. Kirshenbaum, Past President of Mining History Association, Member of Society for Industrial Archeology

Starting with a handwritten memoir from an aunt who lived in Treadwell during the boom years, author Sheila Kelly has put together a fascinating nugget into an all but forgotten period of Alaska history.... To mine the lode, vast underground caverns were created, held up by columns still full of rich ore. When drilling hit a less productive section of the mine, the owners shaved the columns and caving spread.... until one day a devastating collapse allowed the salt water to rush in and fill the mines.
— Joe Upton, author of The Alaska Cruise Handbook and The Coastal Companion

The Treadwell mines are an important part of Alaska history and I know no one closer to the story than Sheila Kelly. Over many years, I have encouraged her to write this book.
— Robert DeArmond, author of seventeen books on Alaska history, including The Founding of Juneau

A story told with insight and affection. Treadwell embodied the issues of the time: the gold rush, mobilization of labor, the rights of native people, the growth of tourism, and changing technology. The author’s family and their neighbors experienced mine accidents, shipwrecks, fires, labor troubles, epidemics, and romance in the frontier town.
— Eleanor Svent, former director of the Western Mining is the Twenty-First Century series, Regional Oral History Office at University of California Berkeley Bancroft Library.

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Sheila Kelly has struck gold in her book Treadwell Gold. Her family was part of the first large-scale industrial mining operation that shaped Alaska and its future. The book is a great addition to published history on the Treadwell mines.