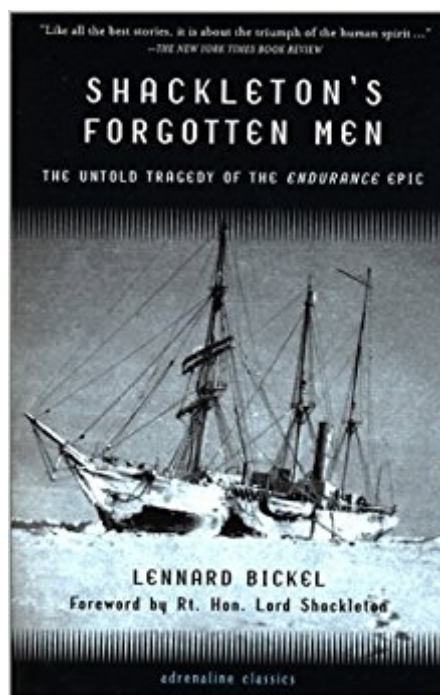




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Shackleton's Forgotten Men: The Untold Tragedy Of The Endurance Epic (Adrenaline Classics (Paperback))



Synopsis

This is a dramatic true story of Antarctic tragedy and survival among the heroic group that was to lay supplies across the Great Ross Ice Shelf in preparation for the Endurance expedition. Launched by Shackleton (and led by Captain Aeneas Mackintosh), this courageous crew completed the longest sledge journey in polar history (199 days) and endured near-unimaginable deprivation. They accomplished most of their mission, laying the way for those who never came. All suffered; some died. Now Australian writer Lennard Bickel honors these forgotten heroes. Largely drawn from the author's interviews with surviving team member Dick Richards, this retelling underscores the capacity of ordinary men for endurance and noble action.

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Customer Reviews

This is a great narration about the rest of Shackleton's Antarctic expedition which suffered so many incredible setbacks, yet most survived. This is a good detailed telling of the other expedition sent out about the same time from Australia which was to set up supply depots from the opposite side of Antarctica from Shackleton's expedition, in order for him to hopefully complete his attempt to be the first to cross the Continent from one side to the other. These depots would then enable him and his crew to be able to have food and supplies to complete their trans-continental expedition. While Shackleton's part of the expedition was floundering, this expedition also encountered its' own set of incredibly impossible circumstances. Their ship also became trapped in ice, but in this case, part of the crew was trapped on land with meager supplies, while the rest of the crew was trapped on board

and carried away by the ocean currents and unable to return and aid the fellow crew mates. Well, you'll just need to get the book and find out "the rest of the story", if you don't already know it!!!

This is the true story of Shackleton's Ross Sea team, tasked with creating the supply depots Shackleton expected to find waiting when he crossed Antarctica from the Weddell Sea, through the South Pole, and on to the other side. They didn't know that Shackleton would never need the depots because his ship was frozen into the Weddell Sea -- they assumed he was depending on them to do their part. And so they did it, under this planet's most adverse conditions, with improvised equipment, and with extraordinary discipline, good humor and courage. These guys make today's "extreme" adventurers look like sissies. I liked this book because it describes brave people at work on a difficult task. It made me think about the qualities of good leaders and good team members. The book requires a bit of mental effort to piece together all the events. I thought it was worth the effort, but a timeline and maps with better legends would be helpful for readers who aren't already familiar with Shackleton's story.

Great read

Book was as described-virtually brand new.Great read. How many people do you know that went for 2 years without a bath or change of clothes?

This is ultimately a great sequel to Lansing's book, Endurance. It is well-chronicled and engaging. Fascinating insight is given into the personalities of the real-life characters. The author also parallels the time line of this story along with the Shackleton Expedition across the continent.

interesting but depressing tale of a lost cause frozen on the ice and rescued too late

Everyone knows of Sir Ernest Shackleton's epic 1916 voyage to save his men after his ship Endurance was crushed in the Antarctic ice. Few know that Shackleton planned to walk across Antarctica from the Weddell Sea off the tip of South America to the Ross Sea south of New Zealand. This is the story of the second ship and crew, the forgotten men, who were supposed to help him cross the continent, but who were themselves marooned...for two long, cold years. Read more at: bookmanreader.blogspot.com .

This would have been a five-star book, had the maps not been so poorly presented. Of the three maps printed in the book, none of them have a scale, which is the cardinal sin of cartography. Ten miles? A hundred miles? Beats me. Also, while the map of all of Antarctica understandably does not have a north arrow (when you're at the South Pole, every direction is north), one of the smaller maps has south as up while the third has north as up, which is needlessly confusing. These quibbles aside, the story is fascinating and heartbreaking at the same time. Saying "never have so many done so much for so little" sounds cliched, but it's true. What a horrible exercise in futility, although of course at the time the men did not know their efforts were for naught. Overall, I highly recommend this book and just wish the maps could be corrected.

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