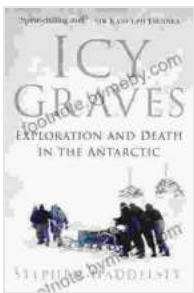


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In 1845, Sir John Franklin embarked on an ambitious expedition to find the Northwest Passage, a legendary sea route that would connect the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. His two ships, HMS Erebus and HMS Terror, were provisioned for three years and carried a crew of 129 men. But Franklin and his crew would never return home.



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In Icy Graves, acclaimed historian Michael Palin recounts the tragic story of Franklin's lost expedition. Palin draws on firsthand accounts, diaries, and letters to reconstruct the events leading up to the expedition's fateful end. He reveals the challenges the crew faced, from extreme cold and ice to scurvy and starvation. And he explores the mysteries surrounding the expedition's disappearance, including the possibility of cannibalism.

Icy Graves is a gripping account of one of the most infamous expeditions in history. It is a story of adventure, survival, and tragedy, and it offers a fascinating glimpse into the dangers and hardships of polar exploration.

The Franklin Expedition

The Franklin Expedition was a British naval expedition led by Sir John Franklin that departed from England in 1845 to find the Northwest Passage. The expedition consisted of two ships, HMS Erebus and HMS Terror, and a crew of 129 men. The expedition became trapped in ice in Victoria Strait, and the crew abandoned the ships in 1848. All of the crew members died, and the expedition became one of the most infamous lost expeditions in history.

The search for Franklin's expedition began almost immediately after the ships were abandoned. In 1850, a search expedition led by Sir James Clark Ross discovered the abandoned ships in Victoria Strait. The ships were found to be in good condition, but the crew had left no record of their fate.

In the years that followed, numerous search expeditions were launched to find the missing crew members. In 1859, a search expedition led by Francis Leopold McClintock discovered the bodies of three crew members on King William Island. The bodies were found to have died of starvation, and they had apparently resorted to cannibalism.

The discovery of the bodies of the crew members confirmed that the Franklin Expedition had ended in tragedy. The expedition is now considered to be one of the most infamous lost expeditions in history.

The Legacy of the Franklin Expedition

The Franklin Expedition has had a lasting legacy on polar exploration. The expedition's tragic end has served as a warning to future explorers about the dangers of polar travel. The expedition has also helped to raise awareness of the importance of Arctic research.

Today, the Franklin Expedition is remembered as a heroic attempt to find the Northwest Passage. The expedition's legacy is one of adventure, survival, and tragedy. It is a story that continues to fascinate people around the world.

Michael Palin

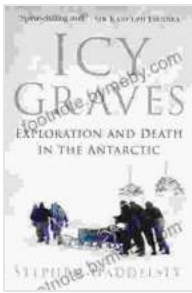
Michael Palin is an English comedian, writer, and actor. He is best known for his work with the Monty Python comedy troupe. Palin has also written and presented several travel documentaries, including *Around the World in 80 Days* and *Pole to Pole*.

In *Icy Graves*, Palin draws on his own experiences as a traveler to recount the story of the Franklin Expedition. Palin's writing is both informative and engaging, and he brings the story of the expedition to life.

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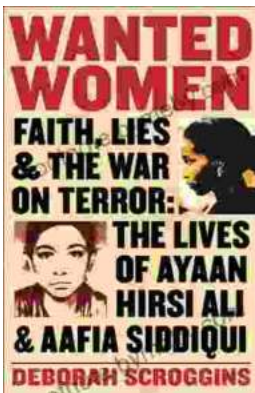


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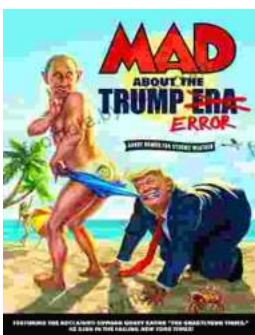
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