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**Roald Amundsen, Lincoln Ellsworth : First Crossing of the Polar Sea** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised First Crossing of the Polar Sea:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Worth The Read.By Ron DiGiovanniI bought this book because I wanted an explanation of the method of navigation used on this voyage. I was not disappointed! Very detailed chapter written by the navigator himself.Ron DiGiovanniEaston, PA0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Early Polar AdventureBy mountainaxeOn May 11, 1926, the Amundsen-Ellsworth expedition aboard the airship Norge sailed due north from Kings Bay in Spitzbergen. Three days later, without change of course, the great dirigible was seen by Eskimos in Alaska gliding southward from Arctic wastes. For the first time men had crossed from Europe to America via the North Pole. Newspaper reports were voluminous and in the main accurate, but the record as given here by the leaders themselves should be considered the final authority on a transit which ushered in the epoch of polar flying.This is a well-documented book with many illustrations, simply written, without any attempt to achieve effects. The participants are their own historians. Five other members contributed each a chapter on his specialty, notably Lieutenant Riiser-Larsen, who describes the problems of navigation involved in extended air voyages, and Finn Malmgren, who kept the meteorological records. One omission is not surprising--the absence of a chapter by General (erstwhile Colonel) Nobile, builder of the Norge and its commander. Nevertheless his part is not minimized, though the authors are careful to specify his relative position in the general scheme of things.To Amundsen, whose leadership meant everything, to Ellsworth, who unselfishly seconded him and contributed a very large share of the cost (\$125,000), and to the Norwegian Aero Club are attributed first honors. In the bibliography of early polar exploration,

this book falls easily in the front rank. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Polar Exploration; A good book with lousy illustrations By Ray Batson A fascinating discussion of arctic exploration in a dirigible. Although only two authors are listed, other crew members included their accounts of the crossing, including that of HJ. Riiser-Larsen, who gives a fascinating and lucid discussion of the principles of navigation over the ice cap in a dirigible. Never mind that the writing is a bit awkward--English is not the first language for most of these guys. Unfortunately, the illustrations are absolute disasters. I find it difficult to understand why any publisher (University Press of the Pacific, Honolulu) would release a publication with such shoddy reproduction of not only the photographs, but their virtually unreadable captions. The book would be improved by eliminating these pictures altogether. Most of the pictures are shadowy smudges on the pages, and do great disservice to the writings of these heroic explorers.

Roald Engelbregt Gravning Amundsen was born near Oslo, Norway in 1872. As a teenager, he was fascinated by the adventures of the explorer John Franklin, and though he studied to become a doctor in order to please his mother, as soon as she died, Roald quit medicine and began preparing for a trip to the Arctic. Many of the earliest books, particularly those dating back to the 1900s and before, are now extremely scarce and increasingly expensive. We are republishing these classic works in affordable, high quality, modern editions, using the original text and artwork.

About the Author Roald Amundsen was born in 1872 in Borge, Norway. His expeditions include the Norwegian Antarctic Expedition, 1910-12; the Mand Expedition to navigate the Northwest Passage, 1918-21; and the flight over the North Pole with Ellsworth in 1926. He is the author of several publications, which preserve the discoveries of his explorations: The Northwest Passage, The South Pole and The Northeast Passage.