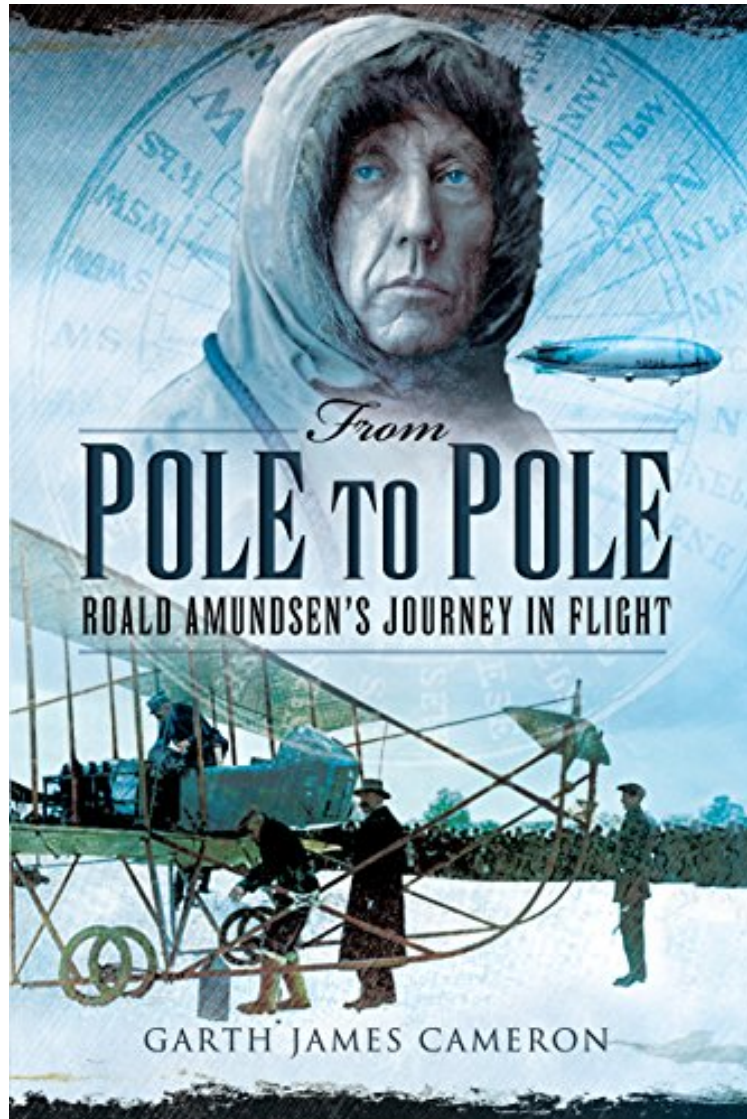


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up on correctly identifying aircraft or other facts. Author could have benefited from an editor to catch mistakes and correct writing style. Unfortunately can't cite in professional or academic papers. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent research--terrible writing

By Charles Ota Heller
As a small boy growing up in Europe, I idolized Roald Amundsen. I read everything I could find about him and someday wanted to be an explorer like he. So, when I discovered a new book about Amundsen, I was anxious to read it and to relive my childhood dreams. Thus it pains me to give the book such a low rating. On the positive side, I appreciate the author's thorough research of the technical aspects of aerodynamics, aircraft and lighter-than-air craft specifications, etc. However, the book is terribly written. What could have been treated as a can't-put-it-down adventure story is written like a technical report. There's no passion, no human interest. Most of all, there is no excuse for Cameron and his publisher not having had the book edited (if it was edited, shame on the editor!). On the average, every other page contains an error: a misspelling, a grammatical mistake... Moreover, the author seems to have an aversion to commas; their absence often makes it necessary to go back and reread a sentence. Some paragraphs are more than a page long. Perhaps the best part of the book is its cover: it's very well done. I'm still an admirer of Roald Amundsen, but I cannot recommend this book to likeminded readers or those who are discovering him for the first time.

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By Maree
I enjoyed this book. I knew something of Amundsen's expeditions and knew he had flown to the North Pole in the airship Norge but not that he had such a long standing association with aviation. The review above criticises the author's identification of the aircraft types and some of his facts so I showed the book to a friend with an interest in the history of aviation who tells me the aircraft are correctly identified and the technical data given in the book are accurate. I did some fact checking and can't find any significant historical errors. The author is a commercial pilot and flying instructor and I found his insights into the technical aspects of the story to be interesting and enriched it. I recommend this book to anyone with an interest of either Arctic exploration or the history of aviation.

Roald Amundsen was the most successful polar explorer of his era using sledges, dogs, skis, and ships. He is mainly remembered for being the first man to reach the South Pole on December 14, 1911. What is less often remembered is that he was also the first man to reach the North Pole on May 12, 1926 as the leader of the Amundsen-Ellsworth-Nobile expedition in the airship Norge. His involvement in aviation from his experiments with man-lifting kites in 1909 to his death in 1928 while flying from Norway to Spitsbergen has not been the subject of a detailed study until now. *From Pole to Pole* explores Amundsen's enthusiasm for flight from the moment he read about Bleriot's flight across the English Channel in an airplane. In June 1928 Amundsen and five companions took off in a search and rescue flight for the missing airship Italia and were never seen again. The only traces of the men and their aircraft were a tip float and an empty fuel tank which washed up on the coast of Northern Norway several months later. Searches of the seabed near Bear Island for the remains of the Latham 47 flying boat he was flying in took place in 2004 and 2009 and interest in the mystery of his disappearance remains high. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in history--books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

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