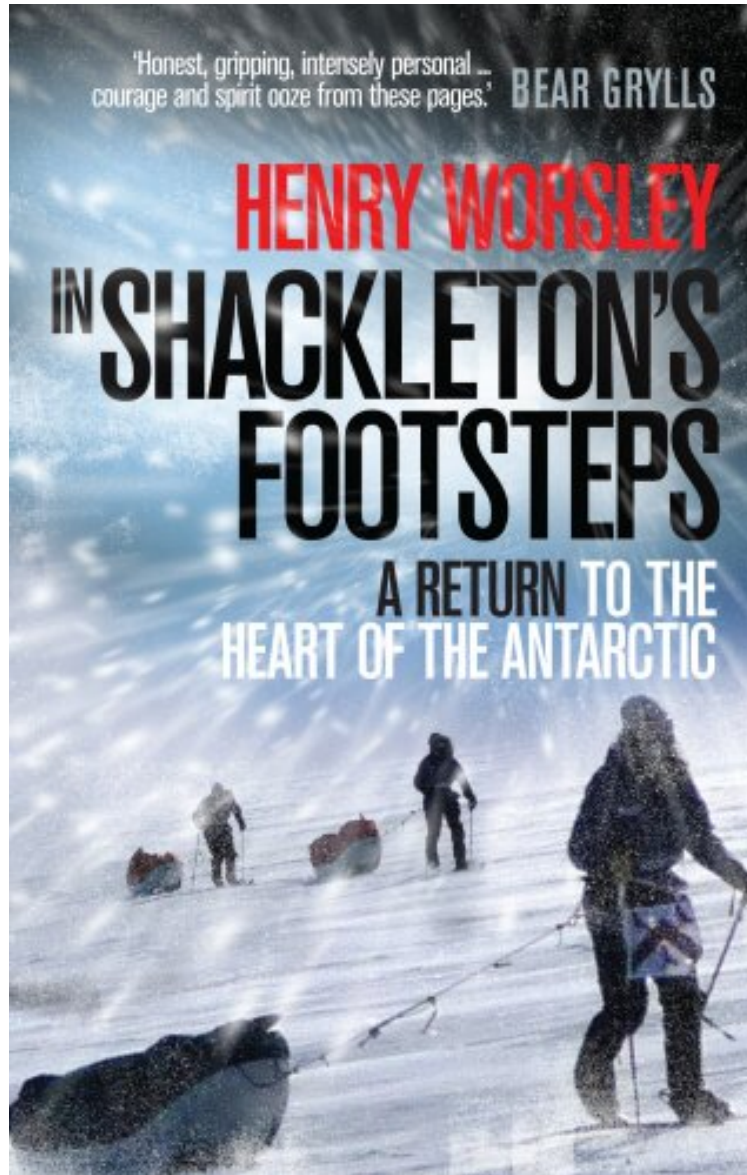


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Henry Worsley : In Shackleton's Footsteps: A Return to the Heart of the Antarctic before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised In Shackleton's Footsteps: A Return to the Heart of the Antarctic:

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. could have been betterBy Bruce HaleAn informative book written

by the leader of a 2008 Expedition to the South Pole. However it was difficult to sympathise with this guy as he nagged the other 2 members of the group, yet seemed to be the weak link in both the physical and psychological aspects of the trip. He also obsessed about Ernest Shackleton (whose deeds they were trying to emulate) and read from his diary every night before going to bed. As I am going to Antarctica soon (as a Tourist of course being cosseted all the way) I learnt a lot about the current conditions there compared with the extremely primitive set-up 100 years ago. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. don't think you'll learn anything new

By Marc Ranger I was disappointed by "In Shackleton's Footsteps". While it was honorable to commemorate Shackleton's incredible and highly courageous effort of 1907-09, I hardly learned anything new and the author's own journey is forgettable at best. For one thing, you'll have to go through the first 100 pages or so for Worsley's march in Antarctica to actually begin. In a 288 pages book, that a lot of ink spent on preparations... I was hoping that the book would be as entertaining as Adrian Raeside "Return to Antarctica" but it never approached the quality of Raeside's tremendous work. While Raeside reveals parts of the never before printed dairies of Silas Wright and Griffith Taylor (of Scott's Terra Nova expedition), Henry Worsley "Footsteps" never treat us with Eric Marshall or Jameson Adams views of the Nimrod expedition. A lost opportunity if you ask me. The author inter-mixed Shackleton's try on the South Pole with his own, and while Shackleton's adventure is light-years more valuable historically, he left what would be of interest for the reader. How can the author overlook Shackleton's act of incredible generosity and altruism when, starving, he offered Frank Wild his biscuit, "nothing could have bought this biscuit" wrote Wild or Eric Marshall's heroic solo march in brutal conditions. This book is for Shackleton die hard only, but if you are don't think you'll learn anything new. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Kept me reading

By Carol J Blum I appreciated "togglng" between Shackleton's expedition notes and the current expedition. I got caught up in the race (against time).

Shackleton's descendants take on the expedition that beat him, in the most extreme Antarctic challenge known to man. On the 29th of October 1908, a party of four men, led by Ernest Shackleton set out to be the first to reach the South Pole. Three months later, their mission was in ruins and they faced certain death if they carried on. Just 97 miles from the South Pole, Shackleton turned back. One hundred years on, in October 2008, a team that included descendants of that original party, led by Henry Worsley, set out from Shackleton's hut to celebrate the centenary of his expedition by retracing the exact 870 mile route and going on to finish the last 97 miles. This captivating book explores the history of the original expedition and the reasons behind its failure, and also captures the pioneering spirit and sense of adventure of the recent expedition.

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