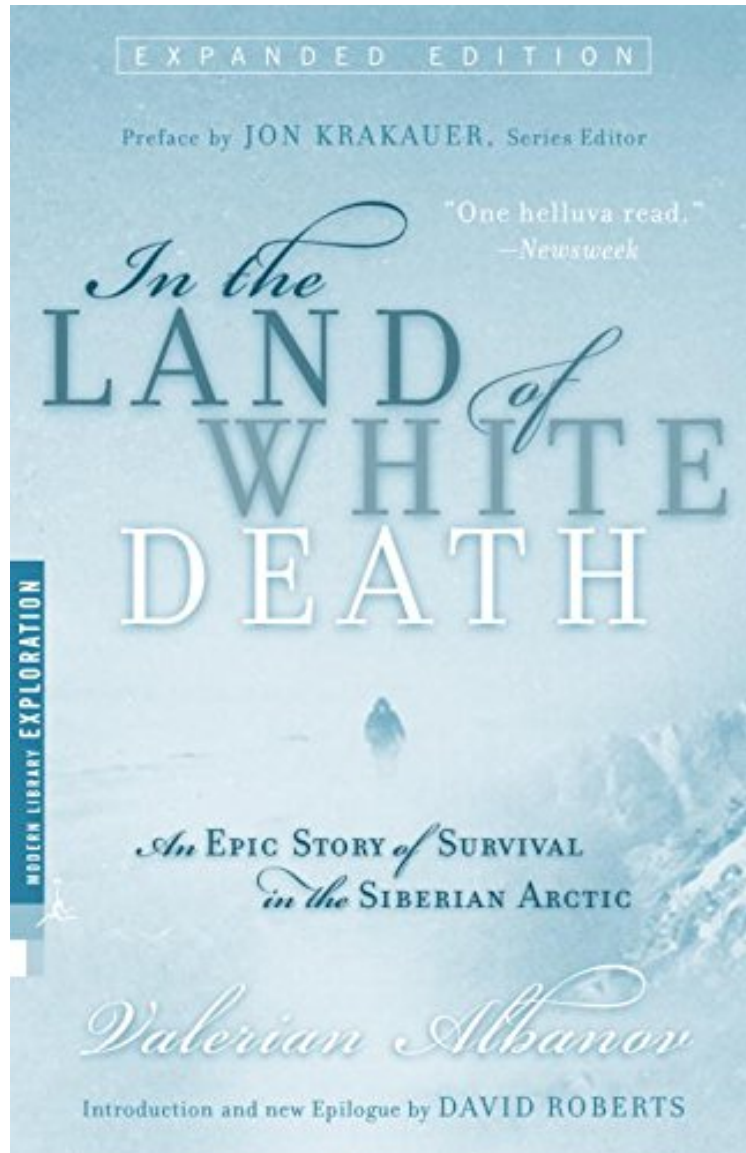


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**Valerian Albanov : In the Land of White Death: An Epic Story of Survival in the Siberian Arctic** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised In the Land of White Death: An Epic Story of Survival in the Siberian Arctic:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Russian Arctic Story from 1900sBy Chey CobbThe story is during

the years just prior to the First World War, so it's quite a few years later than most Arctic stories. The crew are sailing the seas to the north of Russia; looking for faster trade routes, similar to the searches for the Northwest Passage expeditions in North America. Like most of these stories, the ship and crew were woefully unprepared, ignorant of any Arctic lore, and huge personality clashes made even good days difficult. After abandoning ship and crossing the ice for months, there was one wrong-headed move after another., which creates a lot of nail-biting incidents. It's written in diary style and is quite an easy and interesting read.<sup>2</sup> of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great read during a snowstorm or a Polar Vortex

By Michael Goeller This is an incredible tale of survival, written in a spare style so appropriate to the setting. Picture this: it is 1913 and your ship has been stuck in Arctic ice for over a year, drifting with the floe further north each month. Fearing that you will not escape this icebound existence in the coming year, you decide to get some of your more hardy shipmates together and try to walk to land across the frozen Arctic Ocean, carrying over a month's worth of supplies by sledge and some handmade kayaks to make the final crossing to land. Besides the arduous task of dragging yourself and supplies across the ice, you and your crew face blizzard conditions, polar bears, surprisingly dangerous walruses, malnutrition, and all sorts of surprising challenges (including the dangers of vitamin A poisoning from eating polar bear liver - warning to the wise). Knowing that this is a true story makes it all the more compelling. I read this book every time the winter weather gets me down, just to remind myself that things could be worse than suffering through a week with the Polar Vortex. Highly recommended.<sup>1</sup> of 1 people found the following review helpful. A tale of survival

By Douglas Terry This is a story of survival in the Arctic. In the early 20th century the author sailed as navigator on an ill fated voyage into the Arctic. The ship became locked in ice and eventually the author (of the diary detailing this story) left the ship with several other men to try to reach islands to their south from which they might be rescued. They had a very rough go of it to say the least with bad ice, lack of food and necessities and attacks by polar bears and walrus. At times the story did seem to become somewhat repetitious with their hardships and could be a bit depressing and a bit long. But after all the hardships and disappointments the author and his companion were taken aboard a ship and got back to Russia. The story was well written. The characters were generally developed. For the most part the editing was good. There were some annoying run together lines in this Kindle version, especially in the earlier parts of the book, for example "before meto revealed" for "before me to reveal" The intended line was generally obvious with a 2nd look but could be initially confusing especially when the run together occurred at a line break.

In 1912, six months after Robert Falcon Scott and four of his men came to grief in Antarctica, a thirty-two-year-old Russian navigator named Valerian Albanov embarked on an expedition that would prove even more disastrous. In search of new Arctic hunting grounds, Albanov's ship, the Saint Anna, was frozen fast in the pack ice of the treacherous Kara Sea—a misfortune grievously compounded by an incompetent commander, the absence of crucial nautical charts, insufficient fuel, and inadequate provisions that left the crew weak and debilitated by scurvy. For nearly a year and a half, the twenty-five men and one woman aboard the Saint Anna endured terrible hardships and danger as the icebound ship drifted helplessly north. Convinced that the Saint Anna would never free herself from the ice, Albanov and thirteen crewmen left the ship in January 1914, hauling makeshift sledges and kayaks behind them across the frozen sea, hoping to reach the distant coast of Franz Josef Land. With only a shockingly inaccurate map to guide him, Albanov led his men on a 235-mile journey of continuous peril, enduring blizzards, disintegrating ice floes, attacks by polar bears and walrus, starvation, sickness, snowblindness, and mutiny. That any of the team survived is a wonder. That Albanov kept a diary of his ninety-day ordeal—a story that Jon Krakauer calls an "astounding, utterly compelling book," and David Roberts calls "as lean and taut as a good thriller"—is nearly miraculous. First published in Russia in 1917, Albanov's narrative is here translated into English for the first time. Haunting, suspenseful, and told with gripping detail, *In the Land of White Death* can now rightfully take its place among the classic writings of Nansen, Scott, Cherry-Garrard, and Shackleton.