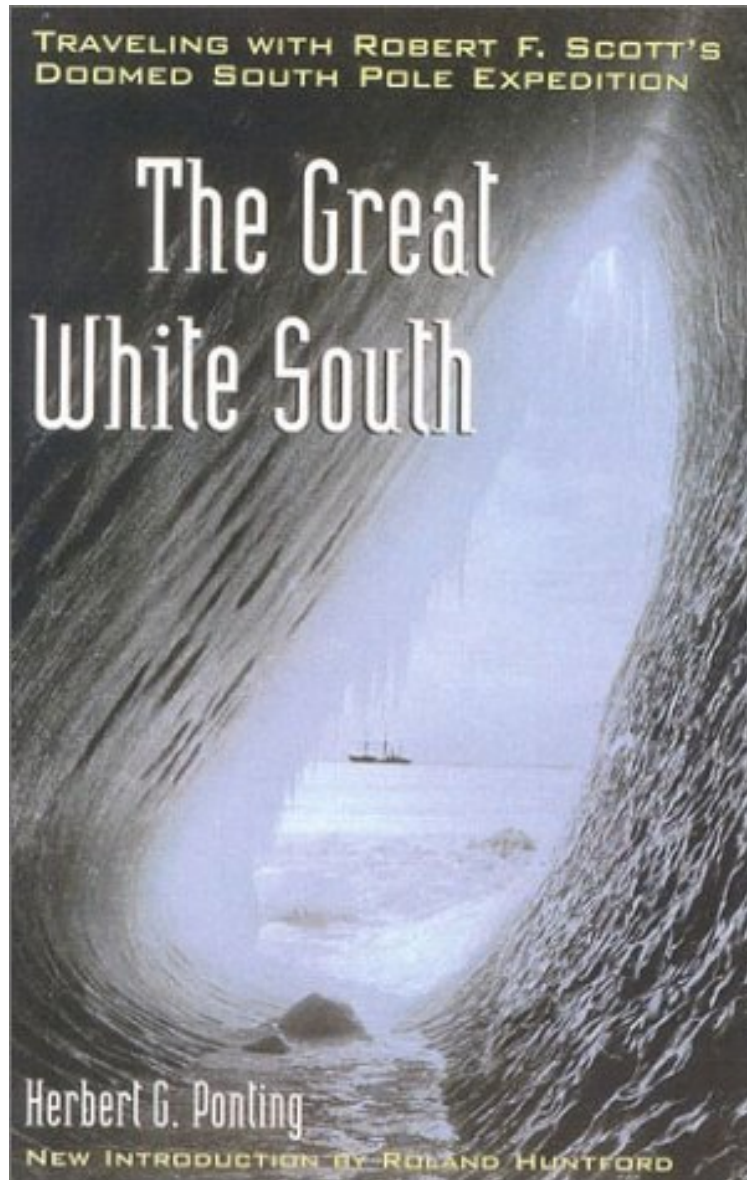


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Ponting's book is an absolute must for anyone interested in Scott's Last Expedition. His narrative is witty and engaging throughout, whether it be concerned with his fellow travellers and their experiences, or related to the native wildlife - his chapters on seals and penguins are a particular delight. The only downside to this edition is that the publishers unaccountably saw fit to provide a platform for another of Roland Huntford's incredibly tiresome and bitter rants about Captain Scott himself, by inviting him to contribute an unworthy, though mercifully short, introduction. Huntford's by now largely discredited iconoclasm despoils some of the dignity and freshness of Ponting's own work. Just ignore it and enjoy Ponting himself.
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A friend gave me an original copy of this book. He found the book in a family members garage. After reading a few pages I was "lost in the past." Ponting's wit along with his colorful description of the Expeditions participants make this a must read book. The day to day descriptions of these men's lives in harsh conditions; howling wind storms with sub zero temperatures. The tragedy at the end is a reminder of our fragile existence in this harsh environment. As Ponting says, "these are what real men are made of." Sadly, not many of our current role models live up to these past men's contributions to society.

Photographer Ponting joined Robert Scott's expedition to the South Pole in 1910. His remarkable book not only tells of the life among Scott's crew on board and at camp, but also provides numerous photos depicting the Antarctic landscape. Ponting also recorded, both in print and on film, habits of the native penguins and seals, and shares stories of his arrival at volcanic Mount Erebus, nearly losing a team of dogs in a crevasse, and escaping a harrowing run-in with a pack of killer-whales. Ponting also tells of the struggle to survive in the extreme conditions at the pole, and how Scott died with two of his crewmen shortly after achieving their goal.

[Pontig] has given us a fascinating narrative of fortitude and achievement and a mass of information about the Antarctic that is otherwise unobtainable. One of the most entertaining and instructive of books. (The New York Times)
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Herbert G. Ponting (1870-1935) was a world traveler, pioneering photographer, and lecturer. Roland Huntford is author of Shackleton, The Last Place on Earth, and Nansen. He lives in Cambridge, England.