

Staff Picks



Brrrrr! Non Fiction About Cold Places

Inhospitable! Lonely! Desolate! These are words that often come to mind when we think of the cold places of the world. These cold places however, have been an important part of human history and they have often tested those who lived in them. This list features titles that remind us that cold places have done more than make us shiver.

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Cold: Adventures in the World's Frozen Places

Bill Streever 910.911 Str

An intrepid biologist shares his personal experiences in some of the world's coldest places. Has a scientist's eye for human and natural history. A fascinating book arranged by calendar month.



Endurance: an Epic of Polar Adventure

Frank Worsley 919.89 Wo

This account of the *HMS Endurance* was written by the ship's commander on the expedition led by Ernest Shackleton. It describes a harrowing ordeal of two plus years when the ship was stuck in the sea ice and Worsley and Shackleton had to sail over eight hundred miles to seek help.



Ice Museum: In Search of the Lost Land of Thule

Joanna Kavenna 919.8 Ka

To the Greeks and Romans Thule was the land beyond maps full of icebergs and strange magical creatures. This book details an odyssey of discovering these northern lands including descriptions of the Shetlands, Iceland, Norway, Estonia, Greenland, and Svalbard.



Life on the Ice: No One Goes to Antarctica Alone

Roff Smith 919.89 Sm

This former American, current Aussie, describes the bureaucratic part of visiting Antarctica: blood tests and mountains of forms. Yet he found his trip to be incredible especially meeting the scientists there and witnessing the last run of the last sled dog team before they were retired.



On Thin Ice: the Changing World of the Polar Bear

Richard Ellis 599.786 Ell

Ursus maritimus or the sea bear has become the poster animal for climate change. This book provides a detailed history of man's interactions with this incredible creature and shows how vulnerable these animals are to our changing climate.



Rock, Water, Wild: an Alaskan Life

Nancy Lord 979.8051 Lor

In the tradition of Scott Russell Sanders and desert writer Terry Tempest Williams, Lord gives you a close and personal look at the natural world of our 49th state and what it's really like living in the Great Land.



Terra Incognita

Sara Wheeler

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Shackleton called it "the last great journey left to man" or in this case woman. The author spent seven months on the seventh continent and intersperses her personal experiences with interesting historical vignettes about earlier explorations.
