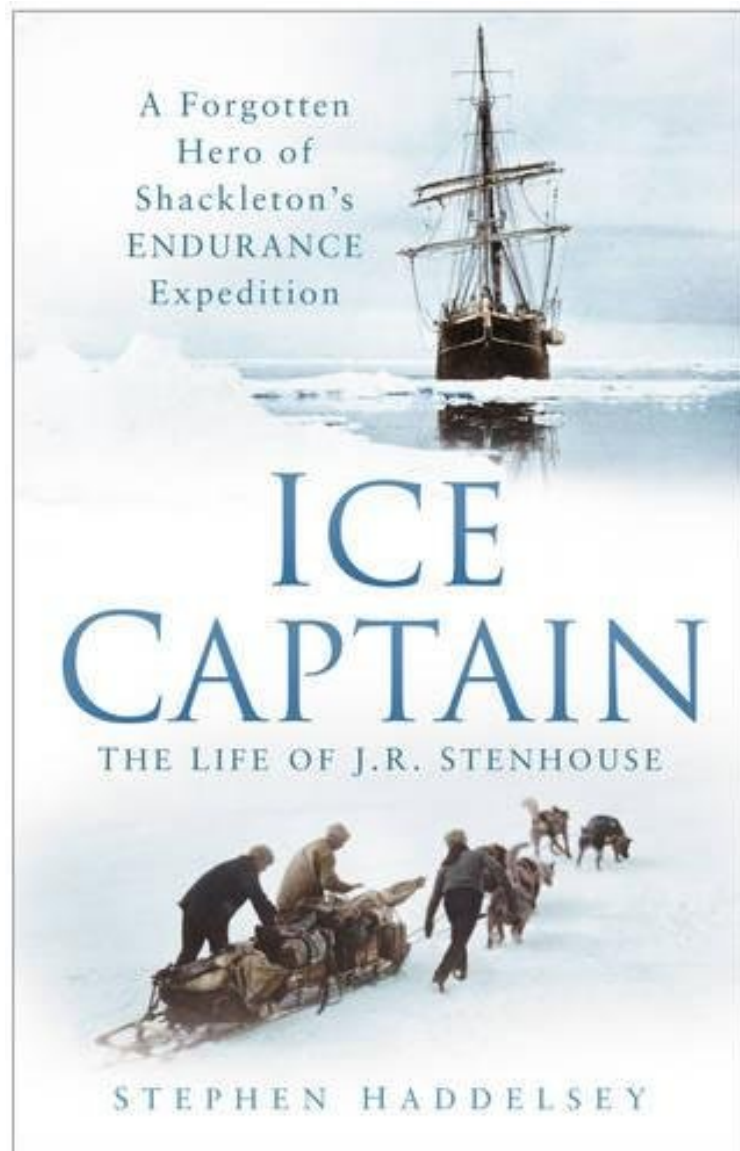


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very good biography of CAPT Stenhouse By M Nelson Having spent

two Winters at McMurdo, Antarctica, I was aware of CAPT Stenhouse being the master of the ship, the Aurora, for ten months from May 1915 - March 1916 when it became trapped in the pack ice. CAPT Aeneas Mackintosh took the Aurora to Cape Evans (where CAPT Robert's Scott's hut was located during the Terra Nova Expedition of 1910-1913) in McMurdo Sound as leader of the Ross Sea Party to support the laying of food caches for Sir Ernest Shackleton's attempt to cross the Antarctic Continent from the Weddell Sea via the South Pole to Cape Evans in Sir Shackleton's Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition (ITAE). In May 2015 the Aurora was secured to anchors at Cape Evans when a major storm came up and broke the lines, locking the ship in the pack-ice which slowly drifted North towards New Zealand. At the time Captain Mackintosh was leading sledging trips but became one of ten men trapped on the ice for the next two years. As the Chief Officer aboard the Aurora when the ship became ice-locked and adrift, CAPT Stenhouse took command. On the other side of the continent Sir Shackleton's Endurance was also trapped in the pack-ice at the same time. CAPT Frank Worsley, the master of this ship, was a friend of CAPT Stenhouse. The legacy of CAPT Worsley (along with Sir Shackleton) managing to get 28 men in three life boats to Elephant Island, and then further navigating 800 miles in the James Caird to South Georgia Island is famous in the history of Antarctic exploration, but CAPT Stenhouse's role in leading the Aurora is every bit as impressive, but not nearly as well known. This was the major extent on my knowledge until I read *Ice Captain*. I bought the book to find out more, but CAPT Stenhouse's time and role in the ITAE is but a fraction of the nearly 40 years he lived life as a sailor. World War I was still going on when he made it back to England; he and CAPT Worsley then hunted German U-Boats. After the war ended, CAPT Stenhouse ended up in the Russian Arctic in an attempt to curb the Bolsheviks, he then became the commander of CAPT Scott's Discovery ship in a scientific expedition. Throw in some treasure hunting and nurturing ideas of Antarctic tourism, again with CAPT Worsley, plus some World War II participation, and the reader can easily tell that CAPT Stenhouse wasn't the kind of man to sit down on the beach and warm up rocking chairs looking at sunsets. Mr. Haddelsey performed extensive research on this book, and thoroughly documented it. Though out, he wrote of the friendship between the two Captains, and just as importantly, CAPT Stenhouse's love of the sea.

Much has been written on Antarctic explorer, Ernest Shackleton. This is the story of the Endurance expedition's other hero, Joseph Russell Stenhouse (1887-1941) who, as Captain of the SS Aurora, freed the ship from pack ice and rescued the survivors of the Ross Sea shore party, deeds for which he was awarded the Polar Medal and the OBE. He was also recruited for special operations in the Arctic during the First World War, became involved in the Allied intervention in Revolutionary Russia, and was later appointed to command Captain Scott's Discovery. Stenhouse was one of the last men to qualify as a sea captain during the age of sail.

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