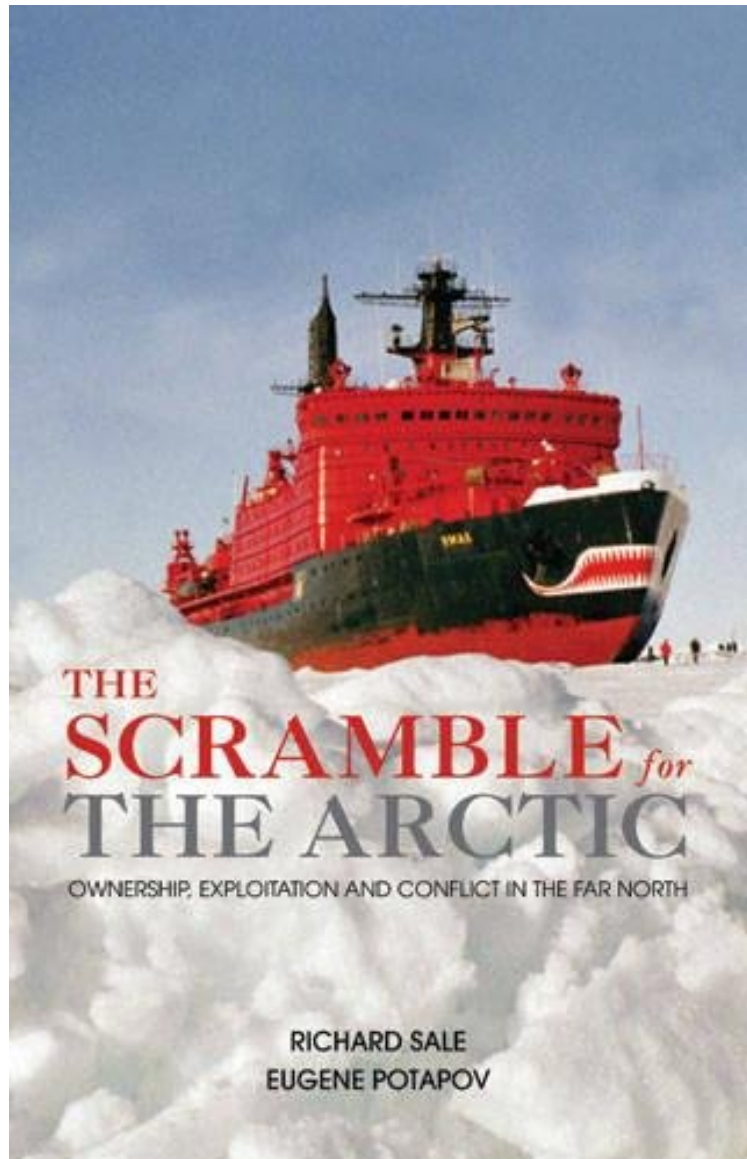


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In August 2007, the world reacted with consternation as Russia planted a flag beneath the ice of the North Pole, symbolizing the Kremlin's claim to the Arctic with its vast mineral resources, and firing the starting gun on the world's last colonial scramble. *The Scramble for the Arctic*, which includes color and black-and-white photographs, examines the history of the region and its exploration, the current state of ownership, the likely outcomes of today's power plays, and what is at stake both politically and ecologically. With the map literally being redrawn by global warming, the ownership of the Arctic will be one of the defining issues of the next decade. Amid much propaganda and obfuscation, this informed and clear-sighted account of the competing interests of nations, corporations, and indeed species will prove an invaluable resource.

Sale's book reminds us of two things. First, the history of the Arctic, from ancient indigenous peoples shaving off nickel-rich iron from fallen meteorites to the voyages of Norsemen, Frobisher and Bering, is fascinating. Second, the future of the Arctic, such a vulnerable locale, should be everyone's concern. The environmental case for acting quickly has secured broad consensus but, with our geopolitical heads on, we shouldn't forget that a scramble to exploit the Arctic's resources might just set the world on fire.