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Amundsen wrote a far more comprehensive book about the pre WWI-Antarctic expeditions than either "Teddy" Evans, who was part of Scott's ill-fated last foray, or Shackleton. This is a massive tome, full of great detail, and a fascinating read. Amundsen tells us all about his wonderful, purpose-built ship, "Fram" and all the equipment and supplies he and his men used to great effect on their successful trip to the South Pole. Amundsen also gives a through history of all the European-based Antarctic explorations which preceeded his. He makes the odd error of fact. For example, he thought that dogs could get scurvy. Dogs and all other mammals except humans and guinea pigs make their own vitamin C and don't need to get it from their diets. Nutritional deficiencies were poorly understood in Amundsen's time and he mistook some other sickness in dogs with scurvy, I suspect. In any case, Amundsen did realize that if his men ate fresh seal meat regularly, like Inuit do, they wouldn't get scurvy and he claimed they never got it. This is in contrast to the English Antarctic explorers of the period who often suffered from it. If Amundsen wrote this book without a ghost writer, he was a very talented guy in that regard, in addition to his many obvious other gifts. The translation is well done also.

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