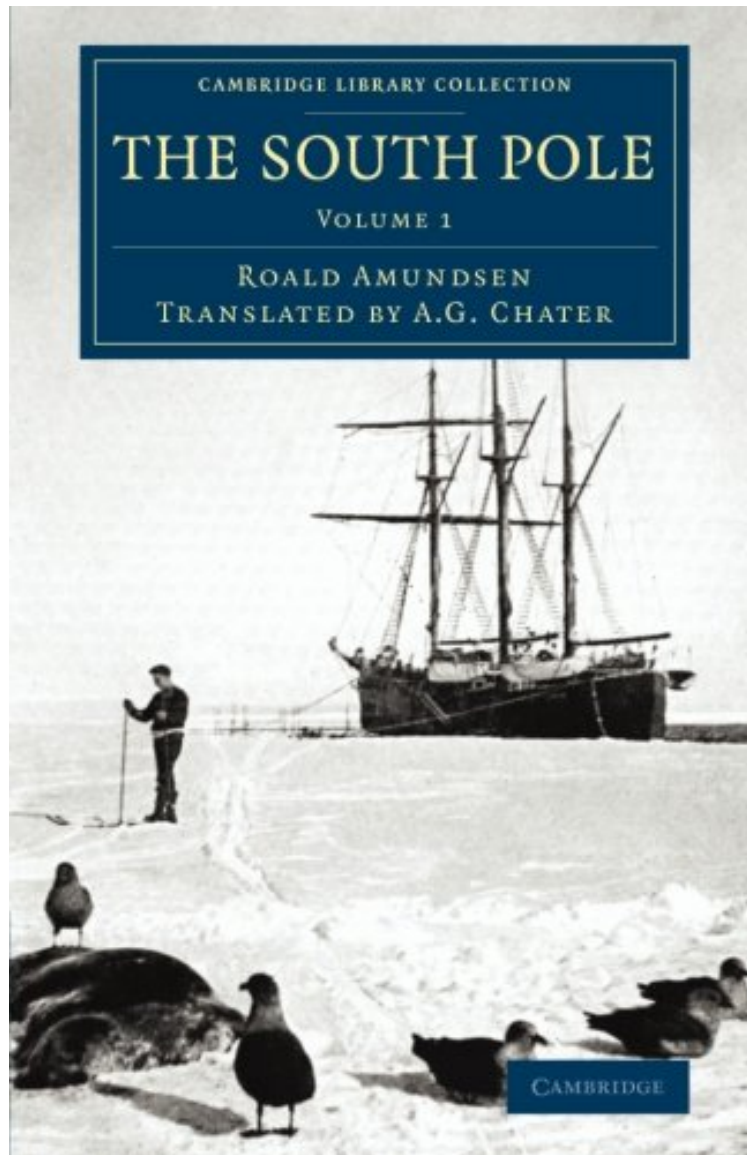


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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *The South Pole: An Account of the Norwegian Antarctic Expedition in the Fram, 1910-1912* (Cambridge Library Collection - Polar Exploration) (Volume 1):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great story, extremely poor publishing - buy another edition!
By Brainslug
The story itself is fascinating and would easily get 5 stars. Amundsen's own account of his South Pole journey is very well written and very entertaining. What's bad is the layout and quality of the book and I am referring to the sepia/brown book with ISBN 9781494381172. This is not a professionally published book, more like someone printing a poorly formatted Word document and gluing together. The book has no page numbers, it probably has never seen a proof reader because it is full of typos, picture captions are sometimes on different pages than the pictures, and the pictures themselves are tiny and of very bad quality, just like if they were poorly xerox'd from another book. The book doesn't even have a publisher listed. I would recommend that you read Amundsen, but not in this poorly produced edition.

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By Sea Cay
An excellent account, written with insight, warmth, and even poetic whimsy; not what one might expect from a man who has been called "the last viking". I had expected an almost dry account and found myself drawn into a narrative of which any novelist could be proud. I definitely recommend this book, not only to aficionados of polar exploration (a MUST read for them), but for anyone interested in the human spirit, human nature, and the wonders of nature.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Celebrate the triumph of the first to reach the South Pole
By everyone's a critic
I'm going on a trip to Antarctica and so thought it fitting to read about the first man to make it to the South Pole ... and back. This was a fascinating book in terms of the enormity of the task at hand to be the first to reach the South Pole and in terms of showing a slice of life in the history of scientific exploration. The author is not a superb writer or storyteller, but he does provide wonderful descriptive details about life in Antarctica, preparation for the trip and a glimpse of what doing this trip was like. And by the end of the book, the reader likes this person, feels a sense of celebration at the triumph of their achievement and is happy that his team made it. One warning, the print in this book is very small, so invest in magnifiers or a bright reading light. Also, if you love animals, take care. The way they treated the animals in this book likely reflects the age in which they lived, but it was a little difficult to take at times. There's also a brilliant trivia question to be found in this book: What did Roald Amundsen forget to bring with him to Antarctica? I'll let the readers discover the answer, but the point that he introduced the answer and the way he did it was delightful. I'm still chuckling about it.

On 14 December 1911, Roald Amundsen (1872-1928) and his Norwegian team became the first humans to reach the South Pole, a month before their ill-fated British rivals under the leadership of Robert Falcon Scott. Reissued here is the 1912 English translation of Amundsen's two-volume account of how this extraordinary and perilous feat was achieved. Illustrated throughout with illuminating maps and photographs, the text contains important details relating to matters of climate, equipment, diet, sledging and survival in forbiddingly cold conditions over uncertain terrain. Underpinning Amundsen's success, the use of dogs, skis and fur clothing made possible the dash to the pole and back without the loss of human life. While careful to present the expedition in the best light, Amundsen's work remains essential reading in the history of Antarctic exploration. Volume 1 covers the early stages of the expedition prior to the start for the pole in October 1911.