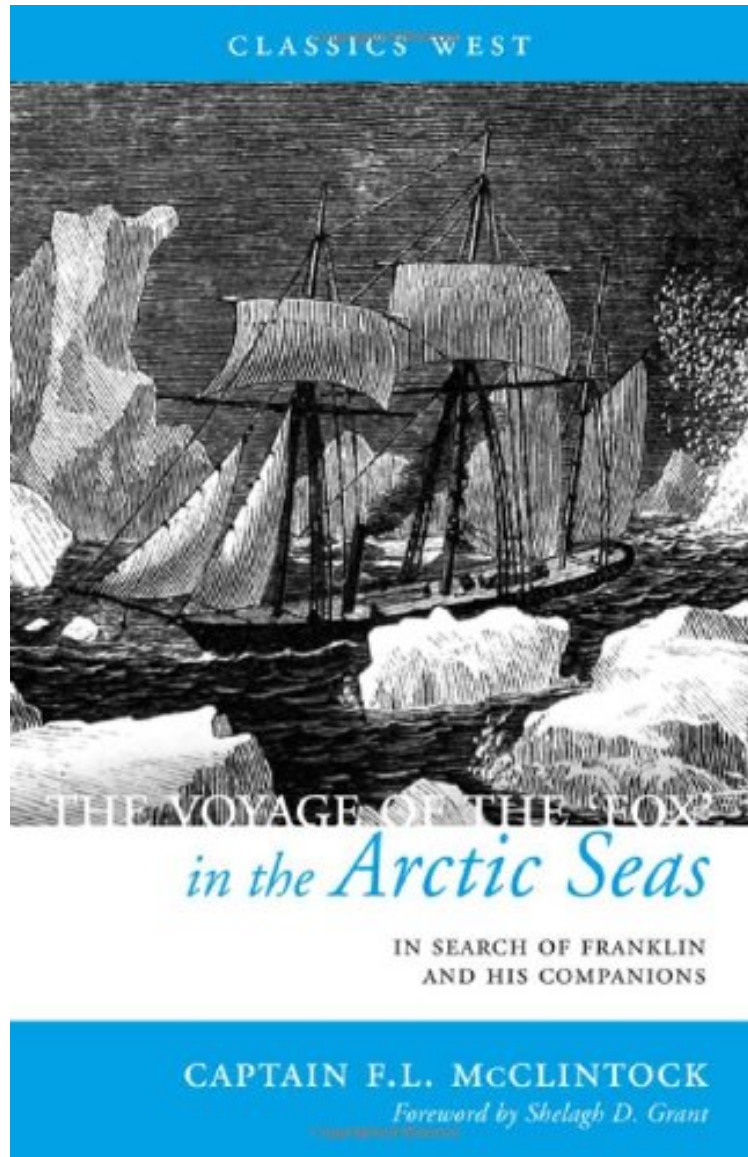


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In 1845, Sir John Franklin set off from England to locate and chart the elusive Northwest Passage. He and his crew of one hundred and twenty-eight men never returned. Over the following decade, forty expeditions were launched in an effort to establish the fate of the missing men. But it wasn't until 1854 that traces of their demise were discovered along the western shore of King William Island. However, without further proof, Franklin's wife, Lady Jane, refused to believe that her husband was dead. And so, in 1857, she sponsored a final expedition. Captain Francis Leopold McClintock, a highly regarded Arctic explorer, was given command of the steam yacht *Fox*, and he and a crew of twenty-five set off in search of evidence. On this quest, the always-adventurous McClintock was the first European to navigate through Bellot Strait and while the *Fox* was frozen into the ice in winter, he and his men made long and arduous exploratory journeys by dogsled. Eventually the men reached King William Island, where they discovered a cairn at Victory Point. It contained a note that confirmed Sir John Franklin had died in 1847. When news of the expedition's success reached England, Queen Victoria bestowed the Arctic Medal on McClintock and all the officers and men of the *Fox*. *The Voyage of the 'Fox' in the Arctic Seas* is Sir Francis McClintock's own thrilling account of the *Fox*'s journey into the Arctic, and the discovery of the fate of Sir John Franklin and his companions.