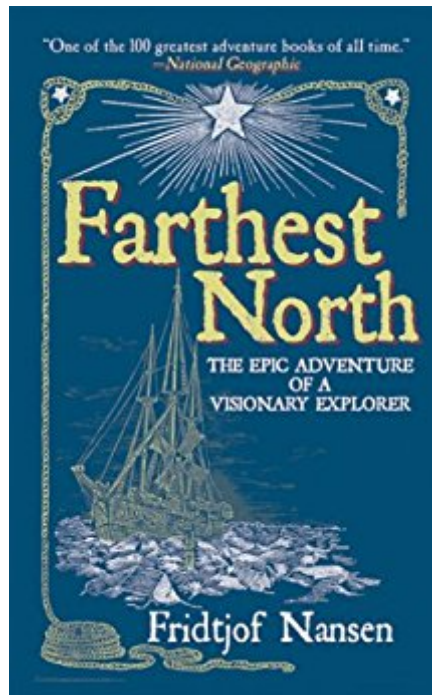




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Farthest North: The Epic Adventure Of A Visionary Explorer



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"If Outside magazine had been around during the first turn of the century, Fridtjof Nansen would have been its No. 1 cover boy."#151;The Chicago Sun-Times In September of 1893, Norwegian zoologist Fridtjof Nansen and crew manned the schooner Fram, intending to drift, frozen in the Arctic pack-ice, to the North Pole. When it became clear that they would miss the pole, Nansen and companion Hjalmar Johansen struck off by themselves. Racing the shrinking pack-ice, they attempted, by dog-sled, to go "farthest north." They survived a winter in a moss hut eating walruses and polar bears, and the public assumed they were dead. In the spring of 1896, after three years of trekking, and having made it to within four degrees of the pole, they returned to safety. Nansen's narrative stands with the best writing on polar exploration. 20 b/w photographs.Skyhorse Publishing, along with our Arcade, Good Books, Sports Publishing, and Yucca imprints, is proud to publish a broad range of biographies, autobiographies, and memoirs. Our list includes biographies on well-known historical figures like Benjamin Franklin, Nelson Mandela, and Alexander Graham Bell, as well as villains from history, such as Heinrich Himmler, John Wayne Gacy, and O. J. Simpson. We have also published survivor stories of World War II, memoirs about overcoming adversity, first-hand tales of adventure, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

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Dr Nansen, the intrepid but little known Arctic explorer, chronicles his courageous arctic voyage of discovery. The book is a detailed account of his scientific adventure, but for the average reader his story will seem to drag on even longer than the actual voyage because Nansen carefully describes just about everything from the selection of food and equipment for the voyage to modifications made to the crew's stove. Ultimately all the details are just too much , and they overwhelm the drama of a truly epic enterprise.

A wonderful adventure with a lot of detail. A very good telling of exactly what it feels like to be a Polar explorer in the 19th century.

I enjoyed this book, it started out a little slow with a lot of description. Once you get into the book you realize the description was necessary. It keeps you in suspense.

This is a long and hard read, with almost day by day coverage of nearly five years out on the Arctic ice. But the fact that this is a true story of Nansen's incredible Arctic expedition keeps you going. No one could dream up this adventure. Also, the realistic portrayal of life on the Arctic ice let's you experience an environment few will ever get to visit in real life. A very long and arduous read, only for seasoned adventure readers. But if you take on the challenge, you will be well rewarded.

I own the first edition hardback but it is nice to have this highly-portable version as well. Nansen is a genuine hero in Norway and paved the way for many others to follow in his path.

A satisfying read, filled with suspense. Will they survive? How far north can they travel? Amazing feat of daring and determination in an age of almost primitive knowledge and limited technology.

Still reading. Very good if you like history, geography and adventure

Very interesting read about a fantastic adventure, but it does drag on a bit at times.

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