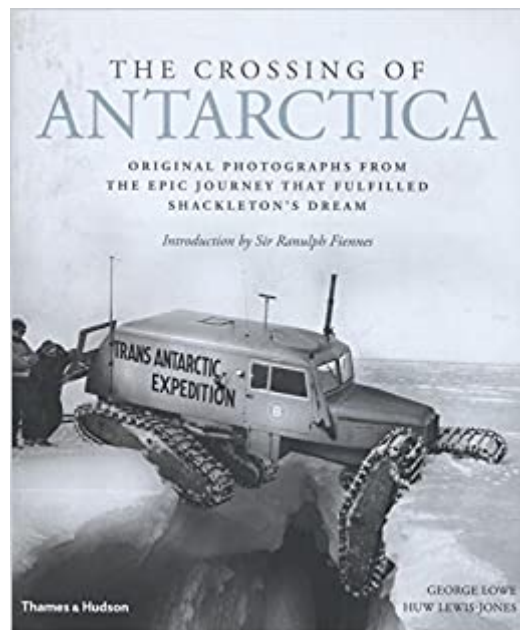




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The Crossing Of Antarctica: Original Photographs From The Epic Journey That Fulfilled Shackleton's Dream



Synopsis

One hundred years after Shackleton attempted to cross the great white continent of Antarctica, this beautifully illustrated volume celebrates the men who succeeded where he had failed . . . and rewrote the history books. The year 2014 is the centenary of Sir Ernest Shackleton's Endurance expedition, which aimed to complete the first crossing of Antarctica. He did not succeed, and his great vision rapidly turned into a now-legendary struggle for survival. Shackleton's lifelong dream to cross the continent was at last realized by Sir Vivian Fuchs and Sir Edmund Hillary in 1957-58. As a key member of this Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition, Everest veteran George Lowe was there to capture it all on film. In this remarkable book, a trove of unpublished photographs and other rare materials from the Lowe collection are brought together for the first time. Awe-inspiring landscapes, candid portraits, and action shots evoke the everyday moments of this historic expedition as never before. The Crossing of Antarctica provides a dynamic history of the Heroic Age expeditions and the emergence of adventure photography. A stellar array of polar experts also reflects on Antarctica and the meaning of true exploration, including Sir Ranulph Fiennes, Peter Fuchs, Jonathan Shackleton, Sebastian Copeland, Geoff Somers, Ken Blaiklock, Felicity Aston, and Paul Dalrymple. 154 illustrations, 60 in color

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chronicle of the first successful crossing of the Antarctic continent, this [is a] remarkable visual and personal testimony of a polar expedition that rewrote the history books, and an epic journey of endurance and fellowship in the wildest of places. - Examiner.com
“A well-written narrative of the trek....Recommended.” - Choice
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A photographic monograph that shows in dramatic detail just how different this journey was. . . .
Lowe’s narrative, combined with essays by Huw Lewis-Jones, form an entertaining account . . . and leave the reader wondering why it ever had slipped into the backwaters of history. - The Explorers Journal

George Lowe was a New Zealand born explorer, mountaineer, photographer and filmmaker. His stunning photographs of the first ascent of Everest were published in 2013 by Thames & Hudson in The Conquest of Everest. Huw Lewis-Jones is a historian of exploration and an award-winning author.

This book was greatly appreciated by my family.

This book is a treasure trove of B&W and color photographs taken by George Lowe during the Trans-Antarctic Expedition (1955-1958). The book and photo reproduction quality is top-notch; some of the photographs are full-spread. The book can be opened flat, so no details are lost in the gutter. We also get Lowe’s account of the expedition. Several 1-2-page essays by people like Borge Ousland and Felicity Aston are included at the end. Couple of photos by Ponting and Hurley is included as well. This is a great tribute to an important page in the history of Antarctic exploration, and excels both as first-hand account and as an art book.

A terrific walk through the halls of Antarctica’s exploring greatness. A must for dreamer, history lovers and exploration enthusiasts. Replete with contributions from some of the century’s ground breaking explorers.

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