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**From Sterling Innovation : Race to The End: Amundsen, Scott, and the Attainment of the South Pole by Ross D. E. MacPhee (May 4 2010)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Race to The End: Amundsen, Scott, and the Attainment of the South Pole by Ross D. E. MacPhee (May 4 2010):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. OUTSTANDING BOOK -- Must Read-!By DirectedByA FANTASTIC BOOK-! Well researched ... Very insightful -- many images of the items actually used by Amundsen Scott.As a die-hard fan of this dual journey - this race -- to the furthest place South on this planet taken by the Norwegians (Amundsen) the British (Scott) and their men is most illuminating.For Amundsen, his 4 men and a bunch of dogs pulling sleds, it was largely an uneventful cross-country ski trip to and from the South Pole.For Scott and the large contingent of men he needed to stock the food depots along the way ... that ultimately became Scott and 4 men to the Pole ... (for which they got there almost a month post-Amundsen) ... it was, as one of his men would later write, 'THE WORST JOURNEY IN THE WORLD' ... and it was.Scott, Wilson, Oates, Bowers Evans all perished on the way back to their base ... in fact, of the supply points they laid ahead of time, the biggest of them known as 'ONE TON DEPOT,' was only 11 miles away as the remaining Scott, Wilson Bowers lay dying of scurvy, exposure and starvation.Yet, the Norwegians -- were well-fed the whole of the exploration. Why-? Planning. Preperation. The Brits who made it to the Pole by largely man-hauling, but for various reasons, besides weather -- due to Scott's ill-planning

... all died. In short -- DO READ THIS BOOK. You won't be sorry. 14 of 14 people found the following review helpful.

Objective observation of Scott and Amundsen's antarctic explorations  
By T. Stone  
I have been reading various books of polar explorations since childhood. Having recently read *South Pole* by Amundsen, and *The Worst Journey in the World* by Cherry-Garrard, I was quite impressed by the objective view this author projected. It is very difficult to imagine what circumstances both explorers had to contend with as well as securing the financing of exploration, it is hard to transcend today's environment and go back to 1910-1912. The photos included provided a view of how cumbersome some of the instruments, wears were compared to today's technology. It was a wonderfully written account of both explorations. I am partial to Amundsen's approach, planning, very thorough and comprehensive, and I am sure that contributed to his winning the competition and more importantly, bringing every member back to the safety of civilization in the end. Well documented book.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful.

Spellbinding!  
By sbenoit  
Fascinating. I purchased *Race To The End* and *The Endurance* at the same time (birthday present to myself!), and found the differences of leadership styles, and overall knowledge of arctic exploration with Scott, Amundsen and Shackleton, fascinating. I loved both books so much and had an Atlas out the second time I read them so I could visualize somewhat the actual treks.