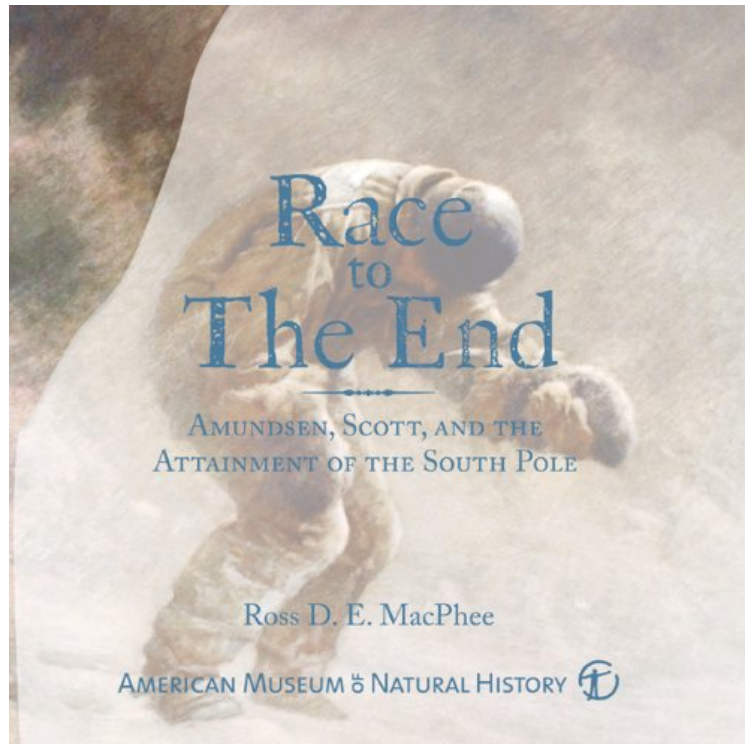


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. **OUTSTANDING BOOK -- Must Read-!**By DirectedByA **FANTASTIC BOOK-!** Well researched ... Very insightful -- many images of the items actually used by Amundsen Scott.As a die-hard fan of this dual 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. Preparation. 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 civilizations 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.

In connection with the world-famous American Museum of Natural History: the gripping true story of the race to the South Pole
A beautifully told, impeccably researched, and stunningly illustrated account of the arduous quest for social advancement, scientific knowledge, recognition, and pride.
A century ago, England's Robert Falcon Scott and Norway's Roald Amundsen two explorers with vastly different visions set out separately for the South Pole. The race between these ideal antagonists resulted in grand heroism, bitter tragedy, and the birth and perpetuation of myths that have lingered for generations. *Race to the End* takes readers along on each team's trek to Antarctica, and farther to the South Pole a journey through Earth's harshest, most unforgiving terrain. MacPhee's piercing insight and keen storytelling illuminates not only the natural, biological, and scientific detail, but also the human and emotional motivation. He helps answer the philosophical question asked of every person who undertakes a dangerous and epic exploration: why did he do it? These highly illustrated pages feature diary entries; letters from members of the exploration; drawings, paintings, and photographs of the landscape, living quarters, equipment, and methods of transport; as well as never-before-published images of the last items discovered with Scott and his four mates who perished upon their return from the pole mere miles from the warmth and safety of their base camp.

From Booklist
MacPhee is the curator of an exhibit running May 2010-January 2011 at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City about the geographic and scientific exploration of Antarctica; his volume chronicles the continent's two most celebrated pioneers. Drawing from and synthesizing the literature about Roald Amundsen and Robert Scott and their epic treks to the South Pole a century ago, MacPhee weaves his text around a profusion of imagery that should excite both the novice and veteran reader of polar exploration. Photographs from both leaders' expeditions and present-day studio poses of artifacts enrich MacPhee's factual rendering of events and, in the case of Scott, his restrained comments on the reasons for Scott's and his men's expiration on their return from the pole. If many of Scott's decisions were questionable, few then and only the churlish since question the heroism that attaches to his fate. An attractive package, this title will answer immediate requests and might provoke deeper interest in MacPhee's classic sources, such as Amundsen's *South Pole* (1912) and Apsley Cherry-Garrard's *Worst Journey in the World* (1937). --Gilbert Taylor
To accompany his American Museum of Natural History (AMNH) exhibit, *Race to the end of the Earth*, open May 29 through January 2, 2011, MacPhee (curator, Division of Vertebrate Zoology, AMNH; *Primates and Their Relatives in Phylogenetic Perspective*) presents Robert Falcon Scott (for the UK) and Norwegian Roald Amundsen's act to claim first arrival at the South Pole for his nation. Each explorer's story has been told often before, dissected, and minutely examined owing to the tragedy that befell Scott and his crew on their return trip from the Pole, which Amundsen had reached first. What makes this volume special are the scores of pictures that bring both Scott's and Amundsen's stories to life, including heretofore unseen images of Scott's last camp, an important contribution to polar literature, as well as excellent reproduction of diaries, the *British Antarctic Expeditions* newspaper, the *South Polar Times*, and images of all the important individuals whose fate is inextricably tied to this quest. *Race* also includes fabulous panoramas taken from a February 22, 1913, edition of *The Sphere*, which commemorated Scott's expedition. Gatefolds showing the two expedition routes to the pole are included. VERDICT: Such a cool book; the juxtaposition of these two polar expeditions in photographic detail makes *Race* a welcome addition to Antarctic literature and a must for adventure, polar, and exploration collections. Highly recommended. --
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