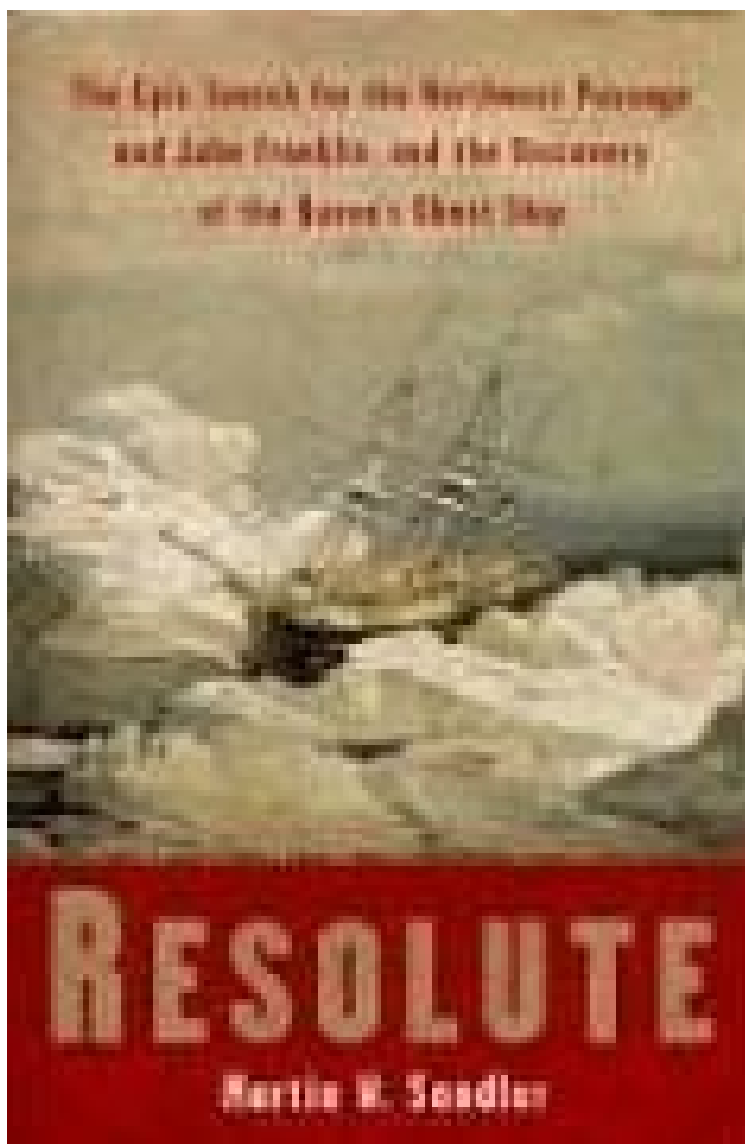


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A riveting true adventure story.An award-winning, bestselling authorA page-turner thats impossible to put down. Almost everyone knows the photo of John F. Kennedy, Jr., as a young boy, peering out from under his fathers desk in the Oval Office. But few realize that the desk itself plays a part in one of the worlds most extraordinary mysteriesa dramatic tale that has never before been told in its full scope. Acclaimed historian Martin Sandler a two-time Pulitzer Prize nominee, winner of seven Emmy Awards, and author of more than 50 booksfinally brings the entire story to light. This amazing high-seas adventure encompasses the search for the Northwest Passage in the early 1800s; a renowned explorer and his crew of 128 men who vanish during an 1845 expedition; 39 incredible, heroic attempted rescue missions; a ghost ship that drifts for more than 1,200 miles; a queens gratitude; and that famous desk. Fascinating rare photographs, paintings, engravings, and maps illustrate the book throughout.

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provides an adventure story worthy of that tradition. 20 photos, 30 b/w illustrations. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Though there are plenty of detailed works about specific Arctic expeditions, a general history suffices for some readers. Sandler surveys the famous quest for the Northwest Passage, which the British navy actively pursued from 1818 to the early 1850s, when Robert McClure and crew made the first complete passage. But his renown was then and has ever since been eclipsed by the man he and several other commanders were dispatched to find: Sir John Franklin, whose disastrous fate is relayed in *Ice Blink*, by Scott Cookman (2000). Among the many stories Sandler tells, the strangest concerns a ship, the *Resolute*, which was abandoned by another of Franklin's would-be rescuers. Somehow, the *Resolute* drifted back to civilization, was discovered by an American whaling ship, and was returned to an appreciative Britain obsessed with any trace of Franklin. Later, Queen Victoria had a desk hewn from the *Resolute* and given to President Rutherford Hayes; it today occupies the Oval Office. Endowed with dozens of images, Sandler's enticement to a popular topic in exploration history is well suited to library requirements. Gilbert Taylor Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved