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reason it's not available on . I bought my copy here in Hong Kong -- its' by Hodder Staughton and was published in paperback in 2004. A review says: "... a fascinating read and a powerful argument against the conventional view of Scott as second best." Another: "Stirring... now one is better placed than Fiennes to understand what Scott may have experienced or to appreciate the enormity of his achievement." Remember -- Huntford \*never\* went to the Antarctic. Fiennes, on the other hand "...visits the poles as casually as most of us visit the pub." This is a debunking of the debunker. It should be read as corrective to Huntford's tendentious put-down. PF Hong Kong June 04

"Scott and Amundsen" is a controversial double biography of the first and second to reach the South pole. This book has been described as the 'case against Scott' and it does not hold back on criticism of him. Plus looks at evidence that Scott's failure was not just because of his personality but examines problems that existed out of his control. The unusual cold weather was just one issue. Huntford also elevates Amundsen to his place amongst the greatest of explorers and finding in Scott 'a suitable hero for a nation in decline'. "Scott and Amundsen" follows success of "Endurance" and "Shackleton's Way" - also published by CSA WORD audiobooks to acclaim, and read by Tim Pigott-Smith.

\* Fascinating, and a well-chosen narrator. The Oldie About the Author Roland Huntford is the author of The Last Place on Earth and Shackleton. Tim Pigott-Smith is a noted actor who has appeared in such films as Alexander, Gangs of New York, The Remains of the Day, and V for Vendetta.