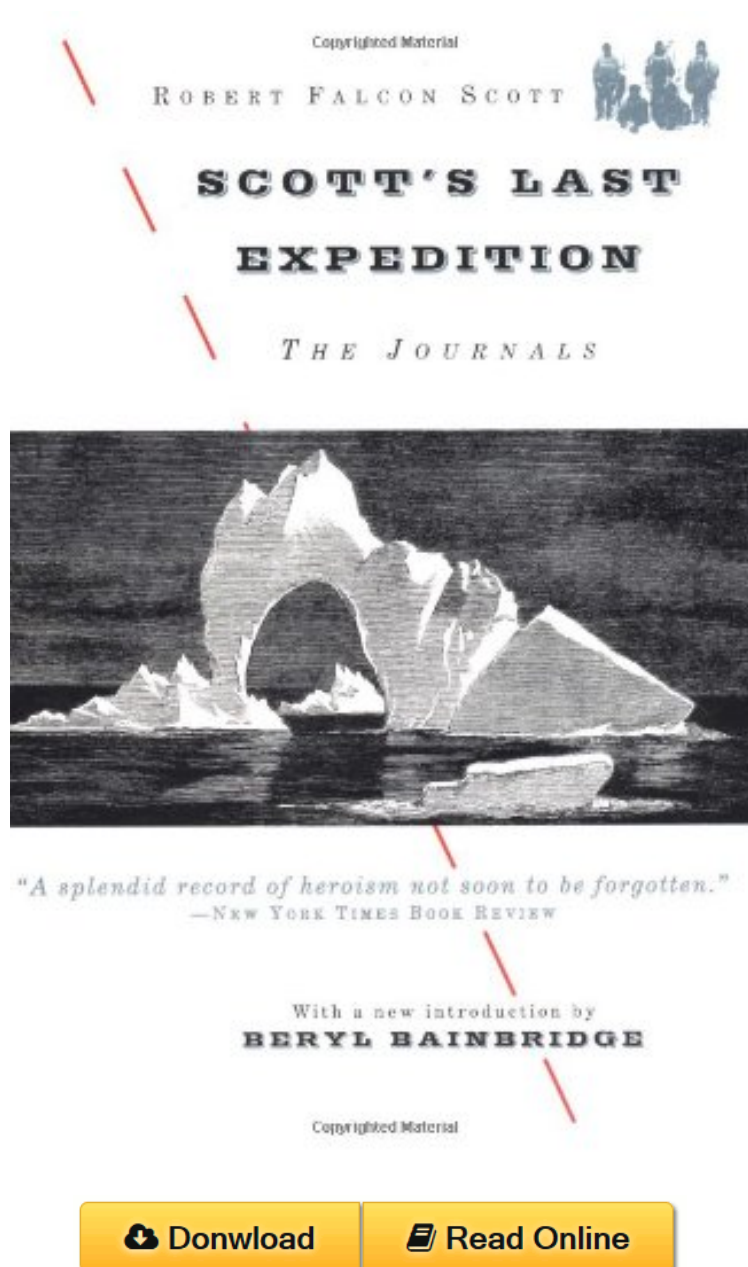


Scott's Last Expedition: The Journals

G.C. Scott

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G.C. Scott : Scott's Last Expedition: The Journals before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Scott's Last Expedition: The Journals:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Definitive EditionBy M GuirySome of the negative reviews seem to be about another edition of Scott's Last Expedition (SLE). If you want to read this book, I would highly recommend this edition. Yes, when SLE was first published, there was a committee of people who had a hand in the editing (including Scott's conniving widow). Many of these people had agendas of their own. However, this edition

has an entire appendix that restores all significant changes made to Scott's diaries. So to call this the "politically correct" version is completely wrong. I was actually surprised by how few changes were made to Scott's original diary. It was common practice when publishing these expedition journals to edit out any parts that speak critically of others, especially anyone else on the expedition (Cherry-Garrard did the exact same thing when he had his publisher type up his expedition diary for him—he excised the parts where he wrote critically of others.). So it's no surprise that SLE's editors chose to do just that. But really, all things considered, there was not much edited out in the original publication. The appendix with the changes shown and restored is surprisingly short, and really doesn't throw Scott in much of a different light at all. However short, it is good to be able to read the changes and decide for oneself. In addition to the appendix on the changes, there are other wonderful additions in this edition. There's a lengthy appendix full of interesting notes, on everything from when Amundsen's *Fram* finally broke into the ocean (1980's) to what was known and not known about scurvy at the time of the expedition. There's another appendix of biographical sketches of all the men, including what happened to them in later years. I almost read another edition of this book for free on my kindle, but I'm glad I bought this instead. It is well worth it.

10 of 11 people found the following review helpful.
Extraordinary experience with an explorer of the Antarctic
By Dolores W. Geisler
We had taken a trip to Antarctica on which lecturers referred often to Robert Scott. When we returned and I got this book, it became a reading experience like no other. Since everyone knows he and his men die at the end, that was not a surprise. The surprise was learning through the pages what would be the deciding factors that would ultimately cause their return to fail. Since I read thirty minutes a day, the unfolding drama read like a postcard from Scott to a sister or aunt telling events as they happened. Because it is a diary and includes the thoughts of a person, I came to know him like a friend. The book taught me how difficult it is to endure the challenges of Antarctica on a long term basis. It was an extraordinary experience with a book which I will always remember. May many others read this book and marvel at the character, motivation, determination and greatness of an amazing man.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars
By Lorine Blouin
very intense, and well written with many references to actual logs.

A fascinating, intimate look at a legendary expedition

.com In November 1910, a ship called *Terra Nova* left New Zealand on its way south to Antarctica. On board was an international team of explorers led by Robert Falcon Scott, a man determined to be the first to reach the South Pole. A year and a half later, Scott and three members of his team died during a brutal blizzard. Their dream of reaching the Pole first had already been dashed by the Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen, and now on their return trip—slowed by ill health and bad weather—Scott's party found themselves trapped in a tent without sufficient provisions, while the wind howled endlessly outside. Even in his final hours, Scott found the strength to continue the journal he'd started at the beginning of his adventures; the diary was found beside his frozen body. *Scott's Last Expedition: The Journals* is the explorer's detailed account of his time in Antarctica. The team's daily progress towards their final goal is recorded in Scott's vivid, personal narrative, as well as his impressions of the harsh conditions, the stark beauty of the tundra, and his own increasingly desperate ambition to beat his rivals to the Pole. Shortly before he died, Scott wrote: "Had we lived, I should have had a tale to tell of the hardihood, endurance, and courage of my companions which would have stirred the heart of every Englishman." Robert Falcon Scott and his men died, but their story lives on in his journals. "Scott was an incredibly coherent writer, and his thoughts, feelings, and observations are very sensitively portrayed by narrator David Horovitch, who brings great emotional depth to this tragic episode." *Library Journal*