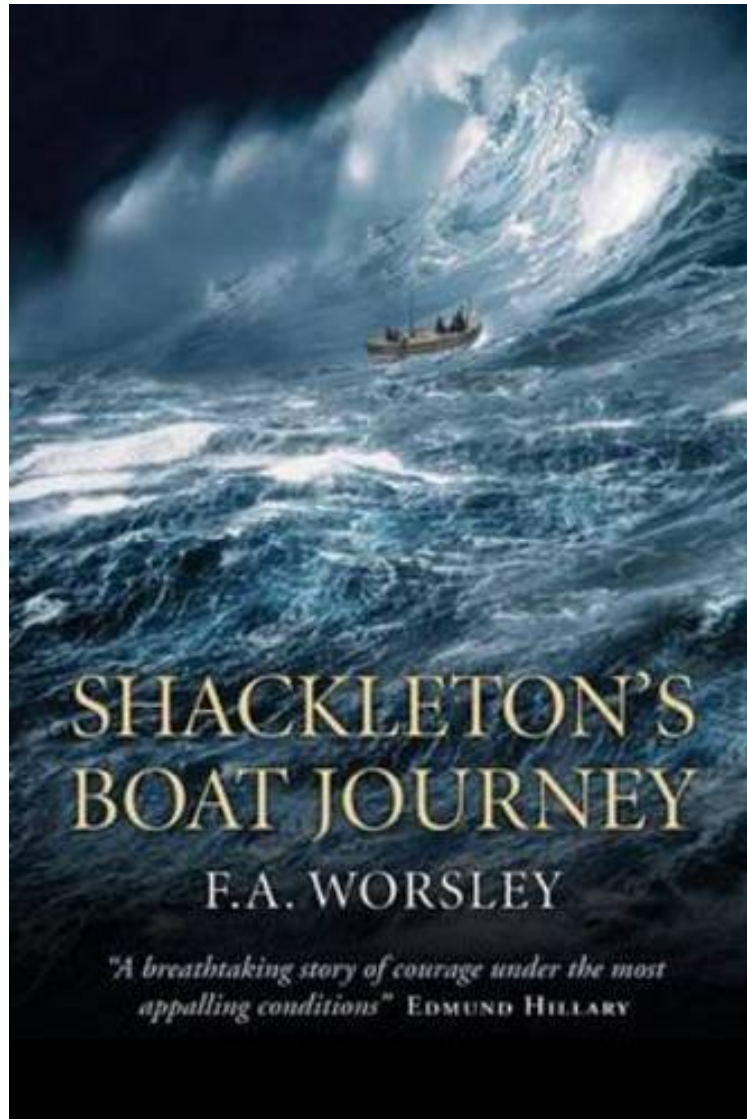


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**F. A. Worsley : Shackleton's Boat Journey** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Shackleton's Boat Journey:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I enjoyed Worsley's relating of his own experience By Mac the Lad Often reading about polar explorers means only getting the view of the lead character, usually the "Boss" or the "Owner" of the expedition. These characters are in themselves well worth reading, but their fame often over shadows the other central figures who the expeditions could never have been made without. Worsley is such a figure. I enjoyed Worsley's relating of his own experience, modestly told, easy to read, and supplying the viewpoint of one of those

central characters which puts so much more into the understanding of what the explorers were like as human beings. Shackleton often gets recognition for the great feat of the boat journey, as he should; he was an inspiring leader, but it was Frank Worsley's navigation in incredibly difficult conditions that got them to South Georgia.<sup>3</sup> 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great story, horrible edition!By \_tomWhile I wholeheartedly recommend reading F. A. Worsley's account, I do not recommend buying The Narrative Press version because it doesn't have a single map anywhere inside. Every other publication of this account I have seen has at least a small, simple bw depiction of the incredible, odds-defying voyage these men undertook. I mean really, TNP, no map for a story of a heroic expedition covering vast nautical distances? For a company which boasts of printing "high-quality," first-hand accounts of exploration, this is pretty sad.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Gripping NarrativeBy sewin'sqAn engrossing first person narrative by one of the 6 men that accomplished the amazing, hair-raising 800 mile voyage from Elephant Island to S. Georgia Island in an open life boat, in order to accomplish the rescue of Shackleton's men left stranded on the former island after the almost-2-yr survival in the ice floes of the Antarctic when the ship had become trapped then crushed sunk. I have read many different accounts of the whole heroic venture of the Endurance, her crew, and selfless inspiring leader--Sir Ernest Shackleton. Each account gives a different perspective, it is interesting to be able to put them all together for a fuller picture of the whole mission. Along with it also goes the story of the Ross Sea Party that had their own drama unfolding on the other side of the Continent at the same time. The entire saga is amazing and thoroughly engrossing!Adding to the whole experience are the phenomenal pictures taken and preserved by the expedition photographer, Frank Hurley--boy do these ever add to the drama! An amazing epic!

Frank A. Worsley was the Captain of the H.M.S. Endurance, the ship used by the legendary explorer Ernest Shackleton in his 1914-16 expedition to the Antarctic. This book tells the story of the ill-fated expedition.

'A breath-taking story of courage under the most appalling conditions' - Sir Edmund HillaryAbout the AuthorFrank A. Worsley, a native New Zealander, served as a reserve officer in the Royal Navy before becoming captain of the Endurance. His navigation skills were crucial to the eventual survival of the crew. He died in 1943. He commanded two ships in World War I, for which he was decorated, sailed with Shackleton again in 1921, and in 1925 was the joint leader of the British Arctic Expedition. Worsley died in 1943.Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved."The Weddell Sea might be described as the Antarctic extension of the South Atlantic Ocean. Near the southern extreme of the Weddell Sea in 77 south latitude Shackleton's ship Endurance, under my command, was beset in heavy pack ice. The temperature in February fell to 53 of frost - an unusually cold snap for the southern summer of 1914-15. "The pack ice froze into a solid mass. We were unable to free the ship and she drifted northwest, 1,000 miles during the summer, autumn, and winter. The Endurance was crushed, and sank in 69 S. "Our party of twenty-eight - eleven scientists and seventeen seamen - camped on the floes in lightweight tents through which the sun and moon shone and the blizzards chilled us. Our main food supply consisted of seals and penguins. So the ice, with its human freight, crept northwards - 600 miles in five months." These are the dramatic opening words of Frank Worsley's gripping adventure story, hardly hinted at by his book's unassuming title, Shackleton's Boat Journey. Worsley was the captain of the Endurance, and the matter-of-fact tone that pervades this book serves to heighten rather than diminish the astounding accomplishments of Ernest Shackleton and his crew, who were attempting an Antarctic Expedition. When the Endurance became trapped, the task of the expedition changed from one of exploration to one of survival. Manning the three lifeboats, the crew attempted to reach land, but their way was blocked by the same sort of ice that had just crushed the Endurance. They were forced to set up camp on giant ice floes, and remained drifting for five months. (Worsley charted the drift, and if they moved toward Elephant Island, he was praised, if they did not, he was cursed.) They faced the cold, killer whales, and despair, but the greatest danger was that of losing a man in the water: "The nor'west swell rolled our ice floe to and fro, rocking us gently to sleep. Slowly the floe swung round until it was end on to the swell. The watchmen, discussing the respective merits of seal brains and livers, ignored this challenge of the swell. At 11 P.M. a larger undulation rolled beneath, lifting the floe and cracking it across under the seamen's tent. We heard a shout, and rushing out found their tent was tearing in halves - one half on our side and half on the other side of the crack." In spite of the darkness, Sir Ernest, by some instinct, knew the right spot to go to. He found Holness - like a full-grown Moses - in his bag in the sea. Sir Ernest leaned over, seized the bag and, with one mighty effort, hove man and bag up on to the ice. Next second the halves of the floe swung together in the hollow of the swell with a thousand-ton blow. The first part of Worsley's book chronicles the final push to the nearest land, Elephant Island, situated in the Antarctic Archipelago that reaches out into the South Sea. Shackleton then made the decision to take five men with him in one of the boats and try for South Georgia Island, a journey of over 800 miles of open sea. Worsley was chosen for his navigational skills. The latter part of the book describes their sixteen days at sea and arrival at the uninhabited side of the island. Shackleton, Worsley and Crean were forced to make a further push inland over dangerous mountainous terrain in order to reach help. What enabled the men to persevere? Not just the incredible courage, humor, and dedication to one another that they displayed, but also an innate sense of how decent men behave. To get the entire picture of Worsley's character, however, you have to read Shackleton's account of the adventure in

South (available from The Narrative Press); Worsley is too modest to put himself forward. This is an exceptional story.