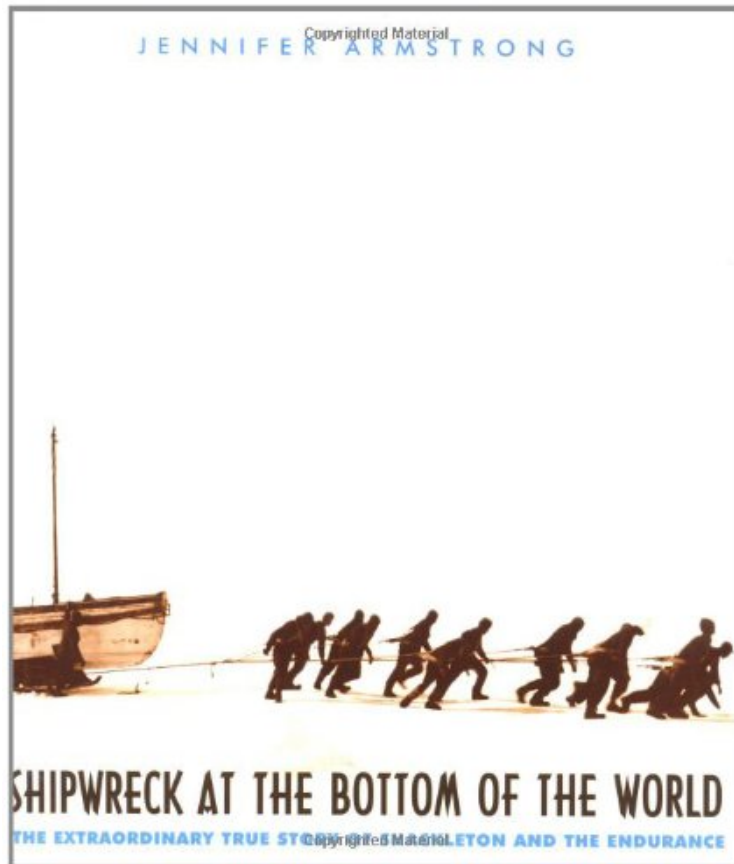


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Jennifer Armstrong : Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great for adults too! By K. Lewis This book is fantastic, even for adults. I worked in Antarctica so this was a pleasant easy read to brush up on some of the history. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent book By book family My son's book club read this and I ended up reading it, too. What an excellent book. I'm not a huge fan of folks who do crazy things like climb mountains or try to reach the south pole. However, the examples of leadership in this book are not to be missed, including careful preparation at each stage for (too often-overlooked) care of the men's sanity under harsh conditions. The book has many great photos, and is at a level that is not too tedious nor too simplistic even for a bookworm like me. Added later: I've gone on to read at least three more books about the Endurance over several years, as it is such a great study in human interaction

and perseverance, and it is based on so many actual diaries and photos that add perspective to the same events. But this is the version that drew me in; I don't think I otherwise would have taken an interest. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent biography for young readers By Jennifer B. Huber My husband, I, and our 8-year-old read this book to each other over the last two weeks and were captivated. The author describes the incredible story of the entire crew of the Endurance as they survive for a year and a half in one of the harshest environments on earth. We learn about how Captain Shackleton held the crew together through the long boring wait on the ice and later, the grueling treks and voyages. Amazing people who faced unthinkable hazards (to me); freezing rain storms and icy sleeping bags. The challenges occur one after another and will keep the reader riveted to the end. I strongly recommend this for readers ten and older, though. The content is a bit harsh at times, as the dogs, the ship's cat, and several antarctic animals are killed in order for the crew to survive. Also, the language is definitely at a higher level than third grade. The book is well-written and the photographs are amazing as they come from the actual event. A great addition to any school or public library.

The harrowing story of the ill-fated Endurance, now in paperback. In August 1914, Ernest Shackleton and 27 men sailed from England in an attempt to become the first team of explorers to cross Antarctica from one side to the other. Five months later and still 100 miles from land, their ship, Endurance, became trapped in ice. The expedition survived another five months camping on ice floes, followed by a perilous journey through stormy seas to remote and unvisited Elephant Island. In a dramatic climax to this amazing survival story, Shackleton and five others navigated 800 miles of treacherous open ocean in a 20-foot boat to fetch a rescue ship. Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World vividly re-creates one of the most extraordinary adventure stories in history. Jennifer Armstrong narrates this unbelievable story with vigor, an eye for detail, and an appreciation of the marvelous leadership of Shackleton, who brought home every one of his men alive.

.com The harrowing survival story of English explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton and the ill-fated Endurance has intrigued people since the 1914 expedition--spurring astounding books such as Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage and The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition. As Shackleton and 27 sailors attempted to cross the frozen Antarctic continent from one side to the other, they were trapped in an ice pack, lost their ship to the icy depths, survived an Antarctic winter, escaped attacks from sea lions, and traversed 600 treacherous miles to the uninhabited Elephant Island. Leaving 22 men behind, Shackleton and five others sailed 800 miles across the southern Atlantic Ocean in a 20-foot open boat to tiny South George Island, where they hiked across unmapped mountains to a whaling station. In 1916, 19 months after the Endurance became icebound, Shackleton led a rescue party back to retrieve his men. Remarkably, every crew member survived. Jennifer Armstrong, the award-winning author of Black-Eyed Susan and The Dreams of Mairhe Mehan, brings the unbelievable journey to life with delicious details: how a handsome young stowaway was discovered too late to cast him off; how the ship itself would become frost-white, looking like "another species of sparkling white iceberg as it nosed its way through the pack;" and how the ice-pack-dwelling Emperor penguins seemed to enjoy the banjo music of crew member Leonard Hussey. The true-to-life story is as thrilling as they come, and Armstrong's lively, crystal-clear writing style is just as compelling. More than 40 photographs of the expedition populate this inspiring nonfiction adventure story that young readers will devour from cover to cover. (Ages 10 to 14) --Karin Snelson From School Library Journal Grade 6 Up--When their ship, Endurance, became icebound in Antarctica and sank in 1914, Sir Ernest Shackleton and his 27 crewmen were 100 miles from land. Unbelievably, they all survived. At first, the men played on the ice to kill time, but after Endurance sank, they took to their life boats, and spent a year and a half traveling over ice, water, and mountains to reach safety. Taylor Mali's narration of the book by Jennifer Armstrong (Crown, 1998) is riveting, and his shifts from one accent to the next are effective and not at all distracting. The text moves from diary entries to explanations of how to read the sun, and the descriptions of the terrain and weather are superb. This is a very effective presentation of not only how the disaster occurred, but of the toll it took on the crew and how they rose to the challenge. Christine Moesch, Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, NY Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Kirkus sPLB 0-517-80014-4 Armstrong (The Dreams of Mairhe Mehan, 1996, etc.) narrates the incredible survival saga of Ernest Shackleton, who with a crew of 27 attempted to cross the Antarctic continent in 1914, and ended up trapped in their ship in the ice pack for seven months. When their ship was finally crushed by the ice they survived for another five months on the moving ice floes, traveled through storm-tossed seas to an uninhabited island, and were rescued, two years after they had set out, after Shackleton and five of his crew traveled 800 miles in an open boat to get help. This unbelievable story is enhanced by the vigorous prose; from the captivating introduction through the epilogue, it is the writing as much as the story that will rivet readers. The black-and-white photos, taken mostly on glass plates by the expedition's photographer, Frank Hurley, survived along with the men and are of exceptional quality. (maps, not seen, bibliography, index) (Nonfiction. 10-13) -- Copyright 1998, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.