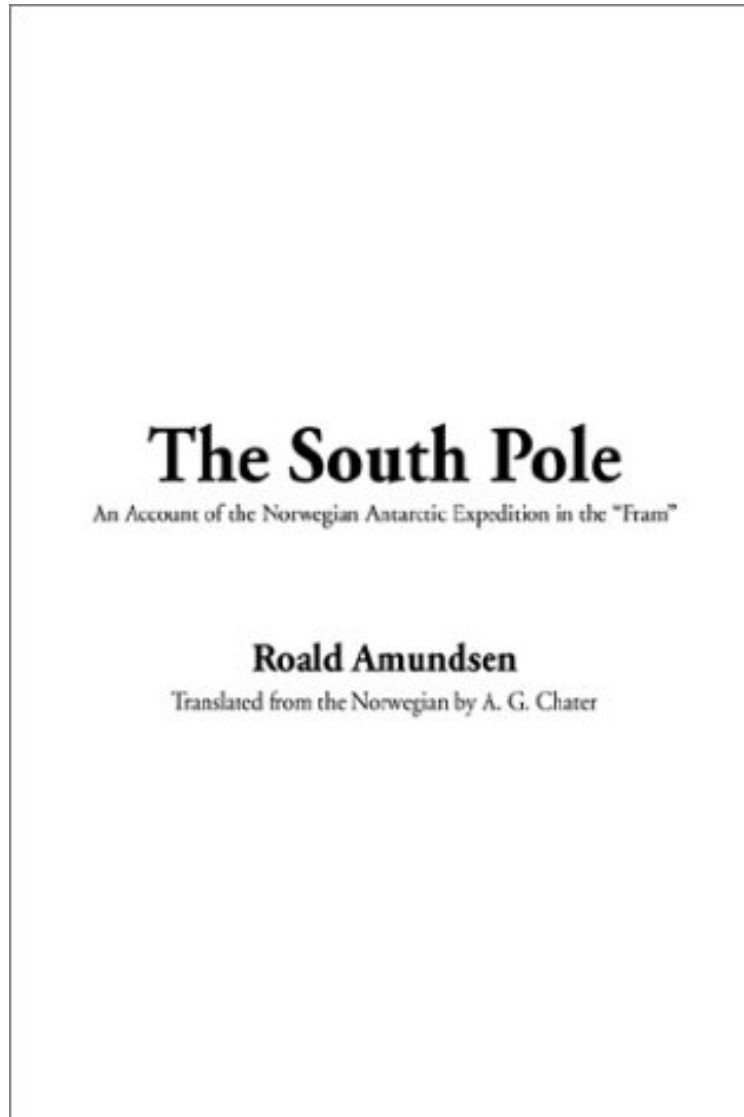


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This is a first hand account of the first successful expedition to the South Pole, written by the leader Roald Amundsen. It constructs the character of the expedition and provides insight into Amundsen's philosophy of exploration and his own professionalism, in the age of the amateur explorer. On October 18, 1911, Amundsen's party set out to reach the South Pole. They were three weeks ahead of the Scott expedition and, unlike the Scott party, they were using dogs and skis to achieve their goal. On December 14, 1911, Amundsen's party raised the flag of Norway at the South Pole, beating the Scott expedition by one month. This account captures the drive and ambition, and the skill and expertise of Amundsen and his men.

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