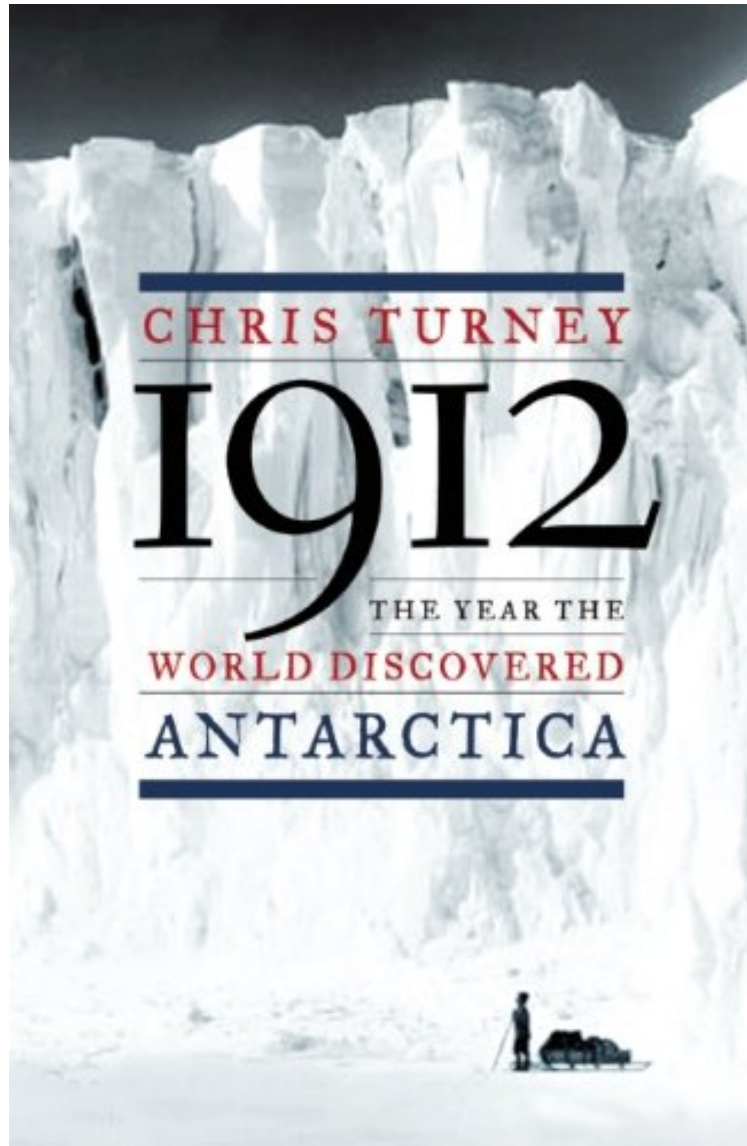


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Chris Turney : 1912: The Year the World Discovered Antarctica before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised 1912: The Year the World Discovered Antarctica:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. More than just Scott and Amundsen By Christopher T. Dahle Chris Turney and his team are getting a lot of undeserved criticism for their "eco-tourism" trip to Mawson's Huts last December. This book was published before then and I was in the middle of reading it when the news of the stranding of the Akademik Shokalskiy hit the intertubes. There are determined "skeptics" who will not admit that any sort of

Antarctic research is justified, but for people of reasonably open mind, troubled by the stranding of the Shokalskiy, this book just might help you understand that such research is valuable and that Turney's trip to Mawson's huts was entirely reasonable. Every school kid knows, or at least should know something of the Amundsen/Scott race to the pole. But few children, or adults know of the Australian and Japanese expeditions that were unfolding at the same time. Three of the four expeditions were serious scientific efforts that produced a large volume of valuable data. The fourth was a sporting venture, revered for its success, but it produced less science than any of the other expeditions. Consequently, I find it a bit curious that modern internet geniuses censure Turney's truly scientific "tourist trip" to the Antarctic yet celebrate Amundsen's trek to the pole. Turney is, in fact a scientist and historian. Amundsen, smart and winter savvy, nevertheless, really was a tourist. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Henry Kissinger would give this 5 stars By KNA Excellent book for those with an interest primarily in Antarctic exploration from a geopolitical perspective. Turner did his research from the earliest stages of exploration (during the European "age of discovery") to the present. Though the predominant consideration throughout was the goals and motives, claims and counterclaims, of nations vis a vis other nations, the human characters are not slighted. The big picture is generously populated with sufficient personal, often fascinating, detail regarding the key actors to make the narrative entertaining for those less interested in the broader historical context. But I'm nonetheless giving this book three stars because my primary, almost exclusive, interest in Antarctic history is in the great human beings and their extraordinary, often catastrophic, adventures in pursuit of its discovery and exploration. I appreciate the importance of Turner's objective, at which he succeeds impressively, but it's not as captivating or inspiring for me as alternative accounts focused entirely on explorers and the details of their expeditions. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very detailed account of some exciting adventures By Grey Merryman This is a great book. It was a little tough read as it rambled a little bit, however it was chock full of fascinating information. 1912 is a modern day account of the many expeditions to the South Pole that occurred in....well....1912. So there has been over a 100 years to research it and pull together many facts about what really happened. The description of how the varied geography was discovered and mapped was interesting. My favorite were accounts of the people, the men really and what they went through on the adventures. I recommend if you are a fan of historical non fiction.

The South Pole discovered trumpeted the front page of The Daily Chronicle on March 8, 1912, marking Roald Amundsen's triumph over the tragic Robert Scott. Yet behind all the headlines there was a much bigger story. Antarctica was awash with expeditions. In 1912, five separate teams representing the old and new world were diligently embarking on scientific exploration beyond the edge of the known planet. Their discoveries not only enthralled the world, but changed our understanding of the planet forever. Tales of endurance, self-sacrifice, and technological innovation laid the foundations for modern scientific exploration, and inspired future generations. To celebrate the centenary of this groundbreaking work, *1912: The Year the World Discovered Antarctica* revisits the exploits of these different expeditions. Looking beyond the personalities and drawing on his own polar experience, Chris Turney shows how their discoveries marked the dawn of a new age in our understanding of the natural world. He makes use of original and exclusive unpublished archival material and weaves in the latest scientific findings to show how we might reawaken the public's passion for discovery and exploration.

Praise for *1912* "Turney successfully conveys the heroism and flaws of the early explorers as they challenged the preternatural dangers of Antarctica." *Publishers Weekly* "As the last continent to be discovered and explored, the history of Antarctica is relatively short; the first recorded landfall on the continent wasn't until 1821. [And] while each expedition could easily merit its own book, Turney adroitly manages to give a full portrait of each explorer and crew with giving any short shrift." *Kirkus*