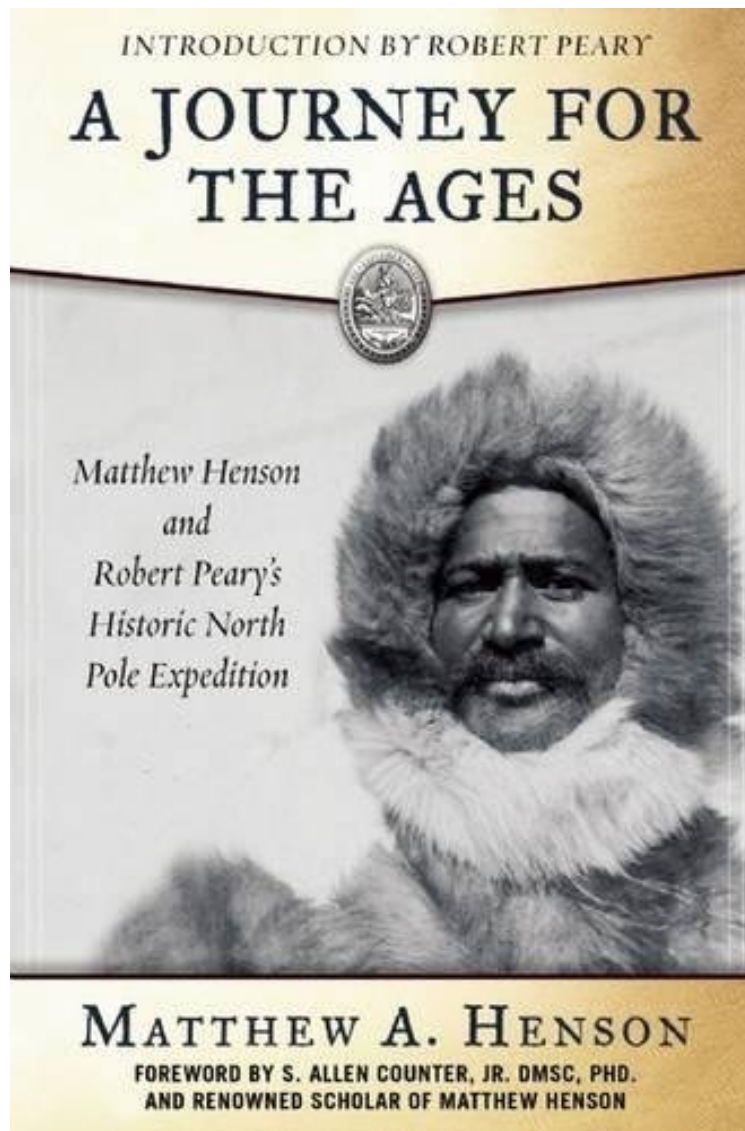


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In an era when segregation thrived and Jim Crow reigned supreme, adventurer Matthew A. Henson defied racial stereotypes. During his teenage years, Henson sailed on vessels that journeyed across the globe, and it is those experiences that caught the attention of famed arctic explorer Matthew Peary. Operating as Peary's first man on six expeditions that spanned over a quarter of a century, Henson was an essential member of all of Peary's most famous expeditions. His unparalleled skills as a craftsman and his mastery of the dialects of native Northern peoples, Henson was indispensable to the success of these missions. Of all voyages which Henson and Peary undertook, none is more groundbreaking than their 1909 journey to Greenland, and onto the previously impenetrable North Pole. Together with a small team of four native Inuits, Henson and Peary became the first team to ever reach the geographic North Pole, forever cementing their place as two of the greatest Arctic explorers of all time. In 1937, the Explorers Club honored that achievement, inducting Henson as their first ever African-American member. In 1912, Henson chronicled his recollections of this historic journey in a memoir originally entitled *A Negro Explorer at the North Pole*. Now reissued as *First to the North Pole*, this edition of Henson's memoir features a new foreword by Explorers Club president Ted Janulis, emphasizing the importance of Henson's historic achievements. Skyhorse Publishing, along with our Arcade, Good Books, Sports Publishing, and Yucca imprints, is proud to publish a broad range of biographies, autobiographies, and memoirs. Our list includes biographies on well-known historical figures like Benjamin Franklin, Nelson Mandela, and Alexander Graham Bell, as well as villains from history, such as Heinrich Himmler, John Wayne Gacy, and O. J. Simpson. We have also published survivor stories of World War II, memoirs about overcoming adversity, first-hand tales of adventure, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

About the Author Matthew A. Henson (1866-1955), who was orphaned at the age of eleven and eventually found employment as a cabin boy on a ship, met Robert Peary in 1887 and later served as his assistant on six expeditions over nearly a quarter of a century. Later in life, Henson was the first African-American elected to the Explorers Club in New York, and in 1988 his remains were interred in the Arlington National Cemetery near Peary's monument.