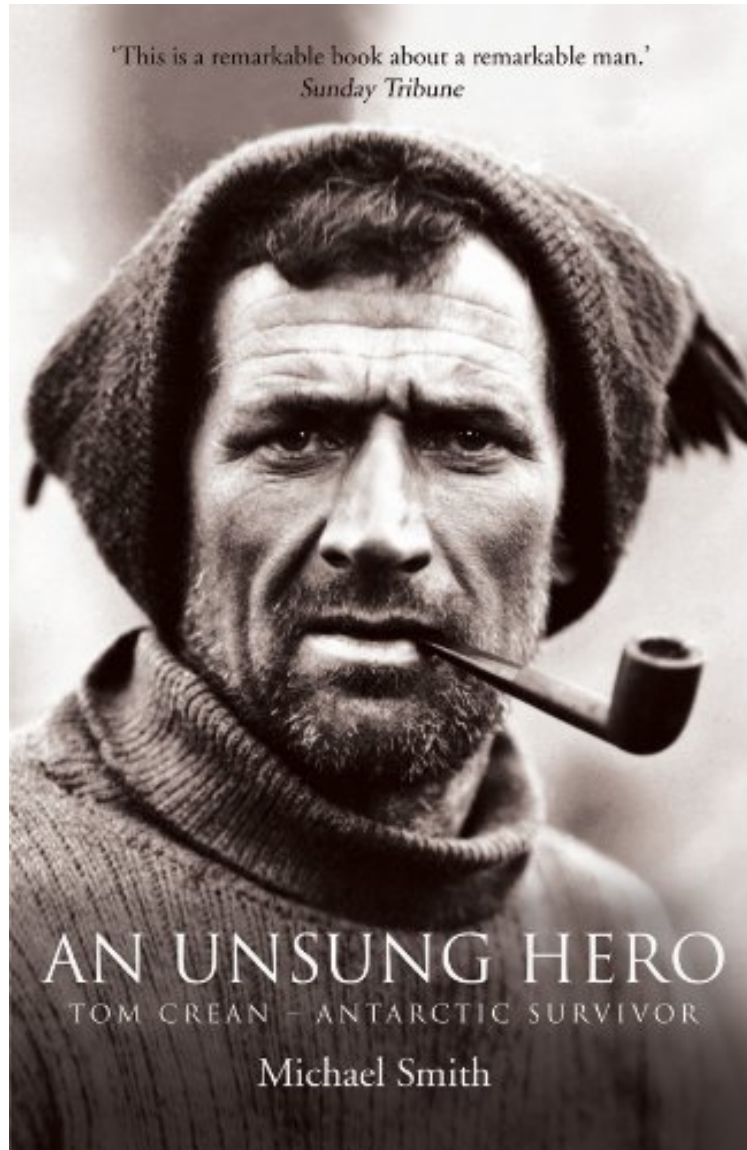


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whatever would support the group without concentrating on his own safety but on that of the group. No wonder he was held in such high esteem by those who knew him. Several owed their lives to him! I have visited his little pub in Anascaul and could imagine this humble man enjoying a simple life with his friends after his days of challenging himself to Herculean almost impossible tasks of physical hardship. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Loved it By Chuck C. Tremendous read. I felt their pain of dehydration and starvation not to mention the severe climate. I might have lasted 5 minutes in them conditions. Tom Crean was a uniquely special man. I vacationed in Kerry and Dingle and stayed in Annascaul. Thanks for the gripping history and powerful descriptions of the explorers and terrain and lastly the deplorable living conditions. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A good book for the winter time fun great adventures By Manolo Logerfo A good book for the winter time fun great adventures. Great how his the trip to south pole was guided by fear and uncertain outcome. The man who was able to take the trip to Antarctica was able to take care of all of his crew men and made sure to take care of the living expenses and loyal rewards that comes from such adventure. He lives to enjoy raising his family and the going of his friends.

This is the story of the remarkable Tom Crean who ran away to sea aged fifteen and played a memorable role in Antarctic exploration. He spent more time in the unexplored Antarctic than Scott or Shackleton, and was one of the few to serve and outlive both. An unforgettable story of triumph over unparalleled hardship and deprivation

A remarkable book about a remarkable man. Sunday Tribune Michael Smith has written a splendid biography. The Nautical Magazine The epic struggles, heroics and the unbelievable hardships of the voyages are wonderfully told. The Irish Times A must for anyone interested in polar exploration. County Examiner Wonderful Kiplingesque yarn about a great Irishman who didn't have to die to become a hero. Irish Independent Chosen by Aviva Stadium Director Martin Murphy as his favourite book - Sunday Times About the Author Michael Smith, a former journalist, is an established authority on Polar exploration. His other books are I Am Just Going Outside, a biography of Captain Oates (2002), Polar Crusader about Sir James Wordie (2004), Tom Crean - An Illustrated Life (2006) and Captain Francis Crozier - Last Man Standing? (2006). Michael has also written two books for children, Tom Crean - Ice Man and Shackleton - The Boss. He contributes to TV and radio documentaries and lectures on Polar history.