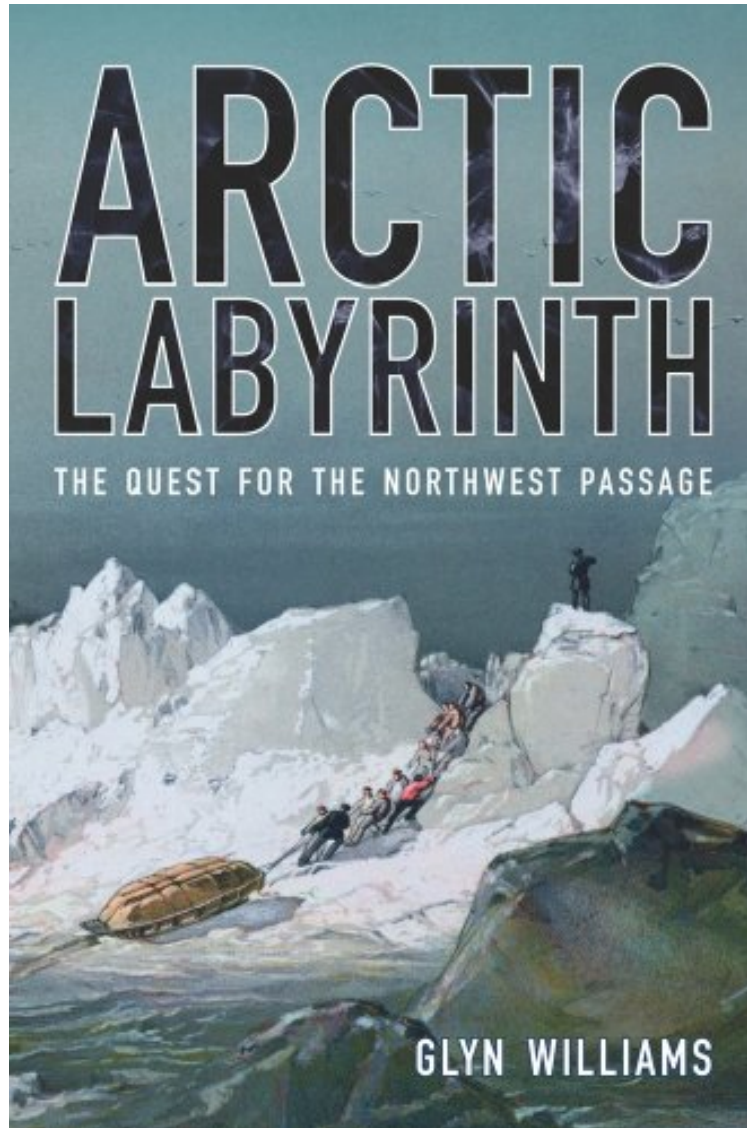


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**Glyn Williams, Sophia Costley : Arctic Labyrinth: The Quest for the Northwest Passage** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Arctic Labyrinth: The Quest for the Northwest Passage:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Why Not Five Stars By Bill Emblom The research done on this book certainly rates five stars. However, four stars indicate "I like it". I can't say, "I love it," which would indicate five stars. Prior to reading this book I feel it would be very helpful to have a well-labeled map on the area covered in this book. Greenland, Baffin Island, and the Hudson Bay region are all well known, but there are a number of lesser known

islands pointed out in the book and not all of them are labeled. I, myself, could have benefited from such a map so I could have followed along where the book was describing. The explorers who took part in these adventures were a hardy bunch indeed. The suffering they subjected themselves to in regard to extreme cold, darkness, and ice are beyond one's ability to imagine. To think some of them returned for more trips to this forbidding region strikes me as foolhardy. Martin Frobisher, Luke Foxe, William Baffin, Edward Parry, John Ross, John Franklin, Roald Amundsen, Henry Hudson, and others are all included in this book, and have places named after them in this region of the world. The goal of each of these individuals was to find a passage connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean, but eventually it was found out that this was not a practical route for shipping. As in other parts of the world when the Europeans came in contact with the local inhabitants, in this case the Inuit, trouble broke out between them. If you are interested in reading books on exploration this is one you should have included in your library. It is very well done, but frankly my background in studying this part of the world is rather limited and I found parts of it to be a struggle. However, don't let this detract from your purchasing the book if you enjoy books on exploration. I feel if you have a book on this part of the world this would be the one to buy.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Very Complete Book  
By Ryan N. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this. There is very little more inspiring to me than reading about those who journeyed (or sought to find) to unknown places. I have always found it fascinating to think about that first group of people, wherever they were from, that pointed out into the ocean one day and said to themselves- 'That's where we're headed. Destination? Unknown-' One of the things I liked about this book was that it helped my imagination piece together the thoughts, ideas, speculations, inspirations, and the like, for those that sailed in search of a supposed northwest passage. Tales of survival are everywhere, and this book brought to the surface the very real construct of risk vs. reward (when it comes to voyages of discovery etc. that this book dealt with). A real good read.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Good reading  
By Safari I have a large collection of history books on the Northwest Passage and Sir John Franklin's quests for a route to the Orient, and this book adds some interesting highlights I had not read before. Entertaining reading.

The elusive dream of locating the Northwest Passagean ocean route over the top of North America that promised a shortcut to the fabulous wealth of Asiaobsessed explorers for centuries. While global warming has brought several such routes into existence, until recently these channels were hopelessly choked by impassible ice. Voyagers faced unimaginable horrorsentire ships crushed, mass starvation, disabling frostbite, even cannibalismin pursuit of a futile goal. In Arctic Labyrinth, Glyn Williams charts the entire sweep of this extraordinary history, from the tiny, woefully equipped vessels of the first Tudor expeditions to the twentieth-century ventures that finally opened the Passage. Williamss thrilling narrative delves into private letters and journals to expose the gritty reality behind the often self-serving accounts of those in charge. An important work of maritime history and explorationand as exciting a tale of heroism and fortitude as readers will findArctic Labyrinth is also a remarkable study in human delusion.

An excellent new book.