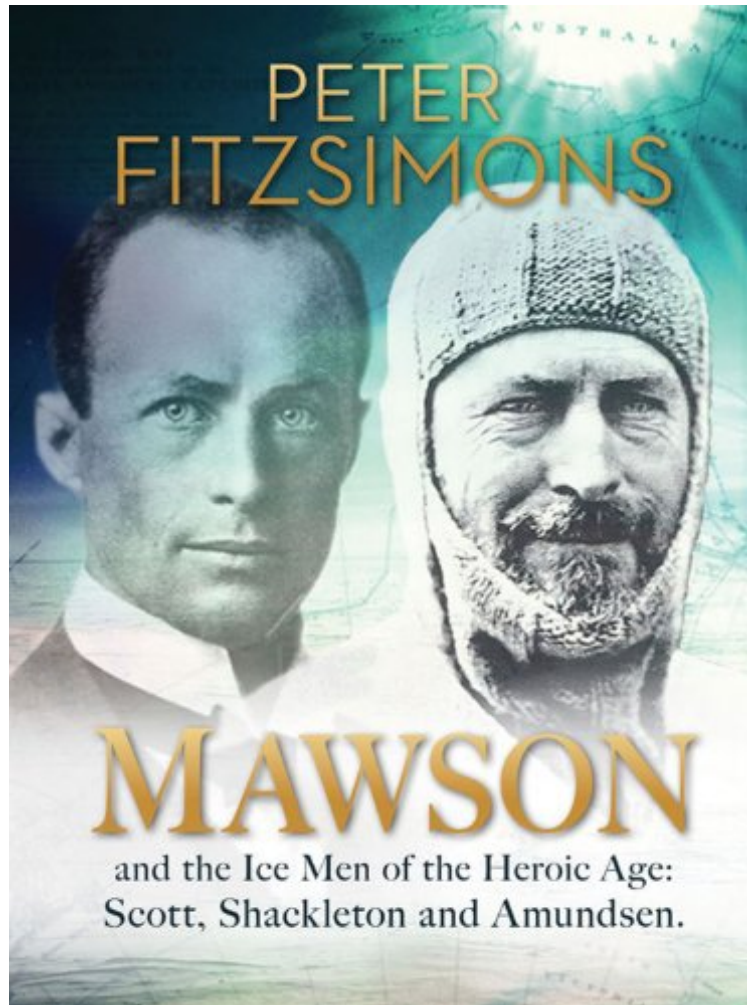


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The incredible story of Australia's most famous polar explorer and the giants from the heroic age of polar exploration

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