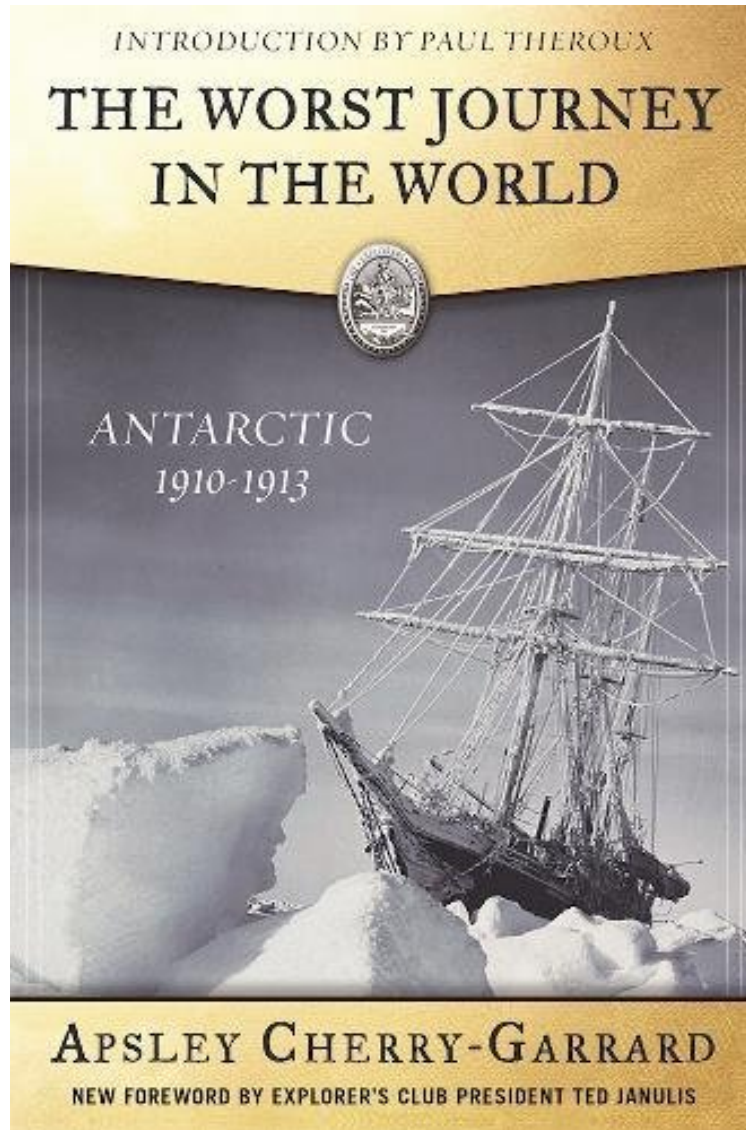


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this and similar books I purchased here and read: "Endurance" (Shackleton's voyage of 1914-17); "Birdie Bowers - Captain Scott's Marvel"; "Captain Scott's Last Expedition" (his diaries); this "Worst Journey..." I just take off my hat, bow to the experiences and courage of both the authors and their characters, and hold a respectful silence. The author of this particular book has gone long lengths at I guess a great personal expense to revive his memories, put them to words, make a selfless effort to decorate them with delicate humour, scrape to the surface every single raw detail and present us with the vivid and precious description of the Worst Journey in the World. Thank you, Cherry! Hope writing this book helped you, at least a little bit, to come to terms with what had happened in the great white vastness in that dreadful setting winter of 1912. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. The Best Book for the Worst Journey By Spinning in Antarctica As one of the participants in the Terra Nova Expedition, Apsley Cherry-Garrard is more than qualified to write about it. He brings to life the events and adventures of the men of Scott's Expedition, the good things and the bad things, the dreary things and the exciting things. When he begins the book, "Cherry" seems to be angry, railing at the circumstances of the trip, but then he hits a stride and remembers the event rather than the emotion of it, which makes for much better reading. Relating the tale of the party waking at 2am to the sound of booming, realizing that the ice on which they are camped has broken off into floes and they are now on the way out to sea, the horses on the other floe, kind of give the reader pause. Cherry recounts the story of the rest of the day, the campers hop-scotching from one floe to the next, WITH horses, trying to make it back to shore, all the time watched by Orcas, with one eye out of the water, circling and waiting.....can't get much more exciting than that....But it does! You'll just have to read it yourself and find out! Marion 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. classic travel book By sad and timeless The Worst Journey in the World has been called the one of the greatest travel books in English, and not just by me. At one time it was about to go out of print and was brought back from the edge of death by enthusiasts writing appreciations of it for magazines and newspapers. It is a fabulous, hair-raising page-turner about a group of intrepid Englishmen, part of the doomed Scott polar expedition, who rather breezily set off in the polar winter on a side expedition to the coast to get eggs of the emperor penguin for scientific study. Sub-zero temperatures! howling winds! crummy equipment! arctic darkness! stiff (literally) upper lips! They are all there.

And I tell you, if you have the desire for knowledge and the power to give it physical expression, go out and explore, wrote Apsley Cherry-Garrard in the opening chapters of his now classic exploration narrative, *The Worst Journey in the World*. The incredible tale that he tells is of the fated last voyage of Captain Robert Scott and his crew to the outermost reaches of the South Pole on the *Terra Nova*. Chronicling the journey of the *Terra Nova* from England in 1910 to New Zealand in 1913, *The Worst Journey in the World* vividly describes the entirety of Scott's harrowing and tragic final expedition. Driven by a lust to investigate the untold scientific knowledge contained within the South Pole, these courageous pioneers embarked on a journey into previously unexplored territory, subjecting themselves to the ultimate physical and mental limits as they traveled the massive expanses of the icy tundra. Cherry-Garrard was a key member of the *Terra Nova* crew that, in addition to the desire to uncover scientific data, desperately sought to be the first Europeans to reach the South Pole. But the expedition was thwarted at every turn by punishing weather, extreme bad luck, and the intense physical and mental decline of the crew on the final stages of their journey. Confronted by the shattering knowledge that rival explorer Roald Amundsen had reached the South Pole only a few weeks before them, Scott's team then had to negotiate the last stage of their voyage, a doomed attempt which has no equal in peril, disaster, and tragedy. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in history--books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, 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.

From the Back Cover "Polar exploration is at once the cleanest and most isolated way of having a bad time that has ever been devised" wrote Apsley Cherry-Garrard in a deceptively jaunty introduction to this classic story of bravery and fortitude first published in 1922. The story he relates is of Scott's last expedition to the Antarctic. From its departure from England in 1910 to its arrival in New Zealand in 1913, it is one of the most famous and tragic in the annals of exploration. Driven by an obsession for scientific knowledge, these brave polar explorers embarked on a journey into the unknown, testing their endurance by pushing themselves to the ultimate physical and mental limits as they surveyed the striking and mammoth land that lay far to the south. Cherry-Garrard was himself a member of the expedition that had two goals: to discover as much as was scientifically possible about the terrain and habitat of Antarctica, and to be the first to reach the South Pole. The party was plagued by bad luck, weather conditions of unanticipated ferocity, and the physical deterioration of the party on the last part of the journey. Confronted by the shattering knowledge that Roald Amundsen had reached the South Pole a month before them, Scott's party then had to negotiate the last, heroic part of their journey, a doomed attempt which has entered modern mythology. *The Worst Journey in the World* is the inside story of this most famous of journeys and is truly one of the best and most moving

books of travel ever written. Join Scott's expedition as he and his team venture deep into the frozen unknown. This volume is the second in the continuing series of Explorers Club Classic books. About the Author Apsley Cherry-Garrard was born in 1886 and educated at Winchester and Christ Church, Oxford. At twenty-four he was one of the youngest members of Scott's British Antarctic Expedition. He served in the First World War until being invalided out of the Navy in 1915 and started to write *The Worst Journey in the World* during his convalescence. He wrote introductory chapters to *Wilson of the Antarctic* (1933) and *Life of the Bowers* (1938). He died in 1959.