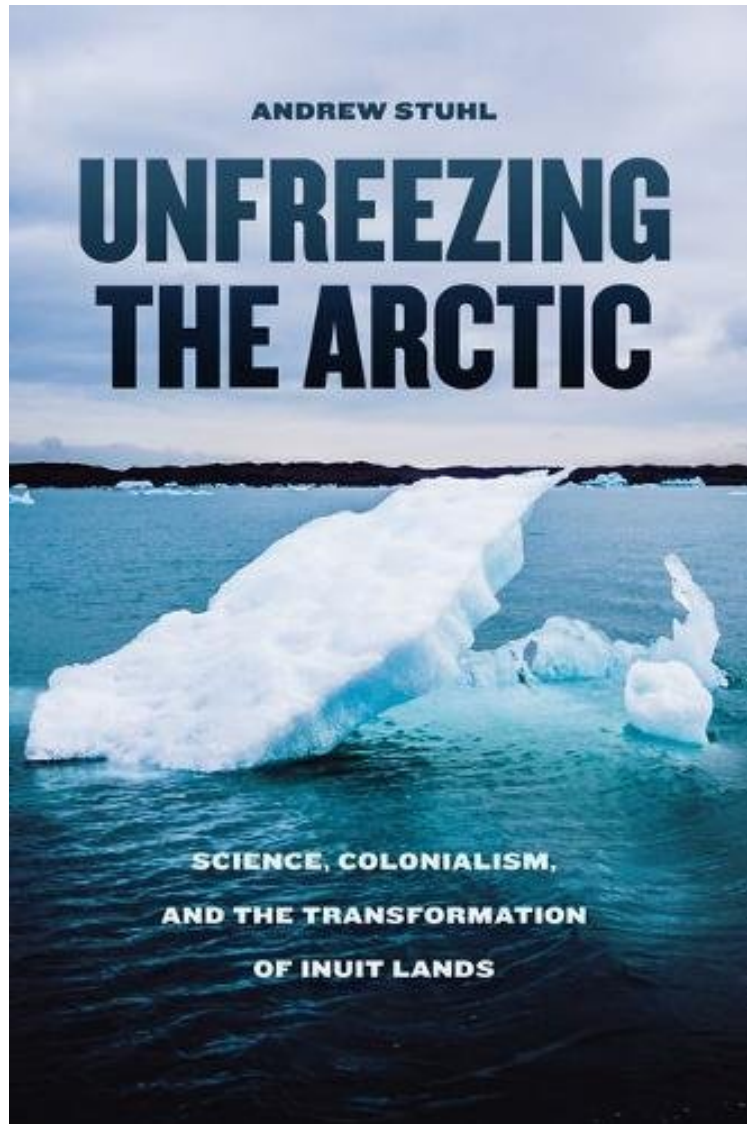


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Unfreezing The Arctic by Andrew Stuhl seems a strange beach book, but lots of good history, and I love history. I brought this book to our winter home in the Bahamas. Very readable for an academic endeavor. Subtracting the reference and acknowledge sections, I finished in a couple longish sittings. The historical story kept my interest, and symbiotic relationship between science, conservation, commerce and colonial expansion. I particularly liked this from Stuhl's closing paragraph: "In this struggle to live rightly on Earth, science is an ally. But our guide is history. Whatever unique phenomena they produce on the surface, environmental transformations have underlying connections with what has come before. Just as there ought not be ignorance of this deeper meaning--this history--there cannot be any conclusion to it either. There must be only the constant and careful interpretation of places unfrozen in time." 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Completely insightful By Brian K Powell The writing is surprisingly human but meticulously researched. Stuhl writes with such clarity, honesty, and unique insight that I found myself totally enthralled. This is for anyone who considers the melting Arctic a world-wide problem that needs to be addressed. The history of how it has happened, and where we are now is completely helpful in telling us where we need to go in the future. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A must-read for any environmentalist with concerns about climate and sea levels By Kelaine C. For those concerned about melting ice caps, rising sea levels, and the impact on changing ecosystems, this book is required reading. Andrew Stuhl has penned a well-written, thoughtful, and well-researched look at the Arctic, providing incredible insights as to what it all means for us today and tomorrow. Highly recommend.

In recent years, journalists and environmentalists have pointed urgently to the melting Arctic as a leading indicator of the growing effects of climate change. While climate change has unleashed profound transformations in the region, most commentators distort these changes by calling them unprecedented. In reality, the landscapes of the North American Arctic as well as relations among scientists, Inuit, and federal governments are products of the regions colonial past. And even as policy analysts, activists, and scholars alike clamor about the future of our worlds northern rim, too few truly understand its history. In *Unfreezing the Arctic*, Andrew Stuhl brings a fresh perspective to this defining challenge of our time. With a compelling narrative voice, Stuhl weaves together a wealth of distinct episodes into a transnational history of the North American Arctic, proving that a richer understanding of its social and environmental transformation can come only from studying the regions past. Drawing on historical records and extensive ethnographic fieldwork, as well as time spent living in the Northwest Territories, he closely examines the long-running interplay of scientific exploration, colonial control, the testimony and experiences of Inuit residents, and multinational investments in natural resources. A rich and timely portrait, *Unfreezing the Arctic* offers a comprehensive look at scientific activity across the long twentieth century. It will be welcomed by anyone interested in political, economic, environmental, and social histories of transboundary regions the world over. The author intends to donate all royalties from this book to the Alaska Youth for Environmental Action (AYEA) and East Three School's On the Land Program.

"Stuhl perceives climate change as an issue of human rights. It is simply the latest destructive incursion of the outside world; a tale of extraction and exploitation, of scientific, commercial, and colonial incursions that have pushed local people to the margins. The book puts a sharp focus on the far northern and western rim of the North American continent Alaska and Canada within a defined time period from 1881 until 1984. Stuhl examines environmental transformation in that part of the Arctic case by case in succeeding chapters, in an appeal to study the human history of the Arctic as an extranational phenomenon. The book is detailed and richly informed, not only by the thoroughness of its library research, but also by the authors personal on-site experience living and working in the Arctic environment. Arctic specialists will want to devour it. Essential."