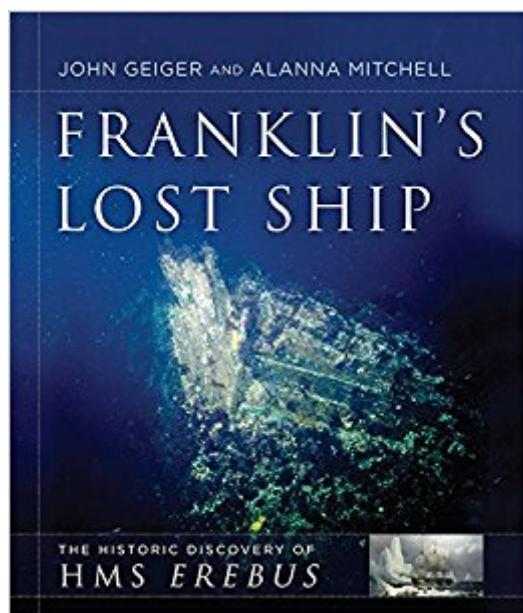


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Franklin's Lost Ship: The Historic Discovery Of HMS Erebus



Synopsis

The greatest mystery in all of exploration is the fate of the 1845–1848 British Arctic Expedition commanded by Sir John Franklin. All 129 crewmen died, and the two ships seemingly vanished without a trace. The expedition's destruction was a mass disaster spread over two years. With the vessels beset and abandoned, the crew confronted a horrific ordeal. They suffered from lead poisoning, were stricken with scurvy and, ultimately, resorted to cannibalism in their final days. The mysterious fate of the ships, HMS Erebus and HMS Terror, has captured the public's imagination for seventeen decades. Now, one of Franklin's lost ships has been found. During the summer of 2014, the Victoria Strait Expedition, the largest effort to find the ships since the 1850s, was led by Parks Canada in partnership with the Arctic Research Foundation, The Royal Canadian Geographical Society, and other public and private partners. The expedition used world-leading technology in underwater exploration and succeeded in a major find—the discovery of Erebus. News of the discovery made headlines around the world. In this fully illustrated account, readers will learn about the exciting expedition, challenging search and the ship's discovery. Featuring the first images of the Erebus, this stunning book weaves together a story of historical mystery and modern adventure.

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HMS Erebus and HMS Terror has captured the public's imagination for seventeen decades. In 2014 and 2016, Franklin's lost ships were found at last. HMS Erebus was discovered by the Victoria Strait Expedition, led by Parks Canada, using world-leading underwater exploration technology and drawing on traditional Inuit knowledge. In this beautifully illustrated account, readers learn about the challenging search and discovery of the Erebus, while also revisiting the legend of the original Franklin expedition and the many early rescue efforts. Featuring the first images of the submerged ship and some of the first artifacts recovered, as well as archival documents, this stunning book weaves together a story of historical mystery and modern adventure.

--This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Upon first look, this edition is smaller in size than a typical book of this type, but large enough to fully appreciate the great pictures. Having been interested in the story of John Franklin and his doomed crew for a while now, I was ecstatic to find a copy of this story of the lost vessel for a reasonable price, and it arrived only slightly behind my copy of the story of the finding of the HMS Investigator. In comparing these two books, I found myself FAR more impressed with this book than the other,

larger tome chronicling Investigator. The story of the drama leading up to the modern discovery of the Erebus has been presented in an accessible and easy to digest manner, and the pictures of the wreck are fascinating, at least for those of us who like underwater photography. Unlike the other book I have mentioned, there are no wasted pages with nothing but a few words on a blank space. Every page is utilized for a purpose. I would purchase this book at the regular price, although I was lucky to find a copy from an overstock merchandiser for half the cover price. It would be well worth it! If you are interested in maritime history or know someone who loves stories of the sea and exploration, this is a worthy buy.

This is an excellent account of the search for and discovery of HMS Erebus, one of the two ships of Sir John Franklin's Expedition to find the Northwest Passage. Unfortunately when I ordered the book I was under the impression it was a survey of the ship itself which is what I was primarily interested in. There are only a few photos of the wreck, instead of the whole book full of pictures I was hoping for. I would still recommend the book to anyone interested in the subject, but Ryan Harris's youtube tour of the wreck has much more detail on the wreck itself. I am guessing that most of the really good stuff is still being processed, or hasn't been found yet since the amount of time on the wreck is quite limited by the short working season

A great disappointment. I learned nothing new about the ill-fated expedition. Most of the book is Canadian chauvinism, including how wonderful is the (now ex-) Prime Minister. I found myself skipping over large parts of the book. Perhaps it was too early to attempt a book on the discovery of HMS Erebus, before the ship has given up any secrets.

great read for anyone interested in Canadian Arctic exploration

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