

READING GUIDE ANTARCTICA

Here is a brief selection of favorite, new and hard-to-find books, prepared for your journey. We have included Amazon US links to purchase them from, but of course they will also be available in good Independent bookshops.

ESSENTIAL

Alfred Lansing

Endurance, Shackleton's Incredible Voyage

History | 2015 | PAPER | 416 pages | Favorite

Lansing's gripping day-by-day story of Shackleton's legendary perseverance is essential reading for any Antarctic traveler. This 100th anniversary edition is outfitted with maps, an expanded selection of Frank Hurley's photographs and an introduction by Nathaniel Philbrick.

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Wayne Lynch

Penguins of the World

Natural History | 2007 | PAPER | 176 pages | Favorite

Lynch weaves delightful tales of penguins, their habitats and habits, with hundreds of glorious full-color photographs.

[Amazon US](#)

Ron Naveen

The Oceanites Site Guide to the Antarctic Peninsula

Guidebook | 2005 | FLEXI-BOUND | 129 pages | Hard to Find

This guide, which supports the Antarctic Site Inventory Project, covers 40 prime visitor sites in detail. It also includes some of the best photography we've seen. Second edition.

[Amazon US](#)

Tony Soper

Antarctica, A Guide to the Wildlife

Field Guide | 2013 | PAPER | 160 pages

Designed for the field, this compact handbook features all the species of birds, seals and whales the traveler is likely to encounter on an Antarctic voyage.

[Amazon US](#)

Ocean Explorer

Antarctic Explorer Map

Reference | 2009 | MAP | 1 page

A full-color map of the Antarctic Peninsula, including Tierra del Fuego, the Falklands and South Georgia, at a scale of 1:2,750,000. With a map of the Antarctic continent on the reverse.

[Amazon US](#)

ALSO RECOMMENDED

British Antarctic Survey – Adrian Fox

Antarctic Peninsula: A Visitor's Guide Guidebook

Guidebook | 2013 | HARD COVER | 128 pages

The essential companion for anyone visiting this special place. It describes and explains the geographical setting, climate and weather, geology, glaciology, and much more, and includes the location of research stations and historic sites. It is illustrated with striking color photographs and detailed maps throughout, and is perfect for adventure tourists and visiting scientists alike.

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British Antarctic Survey

Antarctica and the Arctic Map

Reference | 2015 | MAP | 1 page

Antarctica and the Arctic presented together at 1:10,000,000, each as one side of a double-sided map from the British Antarctic Survey and shown within the circle of 60° of latitude.

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British Antarctic Survey

South Georgia and The Shackleton Crossing Reference

| 2017 | MAP | 1 page

This double-sided map features South Georgia on one side and The Shackleton Crossing route on the reverse. It includes the locations of abandoned whaling stations and background notes about South Georgia and its history, and a brief encounter of Shackleton's crossing. The map is printed on water-resistant paper and the folded version comes in a card cover.

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Lonely Planet

Lonely Planet Antarctica

Guidebook | 2012 | PAPER | 380 pages

Alexis Averbeck, author of the new edition of this compact and surprisingly handy guide, expands coverage of Ushuaia, the Falklands and South Georgia. With a wildlife guide and contributions from 26 Antarctic experts on the history, geology, wildlife and future of Antarctica.

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Jason C. Anthony

Hoosh: Roast Penguin, Scurvy Day, and Other Stories of Antarctic Cuisine

Food | 2012 | PAPER | 286 pages

Antarctic traveler Jason Anthony tells the story of the continent's exploration through the celebrated 'hoosh' of early days and other polar fare.

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Camille Seaman

Melting Away, Images of the Arctic and Antarctic

Cultural Portrait | 2014 | HARD COVER | 160 pages

In her masterful series of 75 portraits and essays, Camille Seaman shows how climate change has wreaked havoc on both the North and South Poles.

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David Tipling

Penguins In The Wild

Cultural Portrait | 2013 | HARD COVER | 160 pages

Renowned photographer David Tipling's celebration of the playful and sympathetic arctic bird features profiles of the world's 17 penguin species (you might recognize the King, Emperor and Rockhopper) plus 139 striking full-color photographs.

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George Lowe

The Crossing of Antarctica

Cultural Portrait | 2014 | HARD COVER | 240 pages

This collection of previously unpublished photographs captures everyday moments, sprawling landscapes and candid portraits from 1957 Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition, as well as the reflections of explorers and polar experts.

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Chris Turney

1912, The Year the World Discovered Antarctica

Exploration | 2013 | PAPER | 358 pages

Turney looks at the great leap forward in Antarctic science that was made 100 years ago with the expeditions of not just Scott and Amundsen but also those of Mawson, Filchner and Shirase. A brisk and engaging history of science and exploration in the Antarctic. An Australian scientist himself, Turney sees Mawson as the scientific hero of the age.

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Arnold Zageris

Antarctica

Art & Architecture | 2016 | HARD COVER | 334 pages

Large-format photographer Arnold Zageris presents the splendors of Antarctica in a gorgeous coffee table book. He shows Antarctica as a land of superlatives, home to the most delicate ice crystals, most relentless storms and the tallest ice peaks on Earth.

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Tim Jarvis

Chasing Shackleton

Exploration | 2014 | HARD COVER | 272 pages

In this unique memoir of adventure and discovery, based on the PBS documentary, veteran polar explorer Tim Jarvis retraces for the first time the epic 1914 expedition of Sir Ernest Shackleton in his inspiring attempt to cross the Antarctic continent.

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Frank Hurley (Photographer), Ernest Shackleton

South, The Illustrated Story of Shackleton's Last Expedition 1914-1917

Exploration | 2016 | HARD COVER | 384 pages

A special edition of the adventure survival classic, this work pairs Shackleton's original chronicle (ANT61) with photos by expedition photographer Frank Hurley.

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Sophie Gordon, David Hempleman-Adams, Emma Stuart

The Heart of the Great Alone: Scott, Shackleton and Antarctic Photography

Exploration | 2009 | HARD COVER | 240 pages

Here in one handsome book are hundreds of haunting photographs by Herbert George Ponting and Frank Hurley, drawn from the albums they created during the two most famous Antarctic explorations. The stunning images are accompanied by lively essays, maps, paintings and other ephemera from the Royal Collection.

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Roland Huntford

The Last Place on Earth, Scott and Amundsen's Race to the South Pole

Exploration | 1999 | PAPER | 576 pages | Favorite

Igniting huge controversy when it first appeared, Huntford's rousing dual biography contrasts Amundsen's well-planned campaign to achieve the Pole with Scott's ill-fated quest.

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Apsley Cherry-Garrard

The Worst Journey in the World

Exploration | 2017 | PAPER | 573 pages | Favorite

Cherry-Garrard's epic midwinter jaunt to an emperor penguin rookery is just a warm-up for the main event: Scott's doomed last expedition.

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Cathy De Moll

Think South, How We Got Six Men and Forty Dogs Across Antarctica

Exploration | 2015 | HARD COVER | 282 pages

DeMoll goes behind the scenes of the 1990 International Trans-Antarctica Expedition, one of the most inspiring expeditions to "the seventh continent" that revealed its fragility to millions worldwide.

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Felicity Aston

Alone in Antarctica, The First Woman to Ski Solo Across the Southern Ice

Biography/Memoir | 2015 | PAPER | 320 pages

In this inspirational memoir, Felicity Aston describes her pioneering journey -- skiing across the whole of Antarctica -- while meditating on human vulnerability, struggle and the experience of solitude in the Information Age.

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Peter Matthiessen

End of the Earth, Voyaging to Antarctica

Travel Narrative | 2004 | PAPER | 242 pages

In this fine book, the result of two voyages, Matthiessen captures the magic of polar landscapes and wildlife, along with the camaraderie of a ship-based polar expedition.

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James McClintock

Lost Antarctica, Adventures in a Disappearing Land

Travel Narrative | 2014 | PAPER | 256 pages

A marine biologist who first traveled to the Kerguelen 30 years ago, James McClintock offers an intimate tour of the continent and his many voyages south, covering his field seasons at Palmer and McMurdo, his work on marine invertebrates and looming environmental challenges with equal, feet-on-the-ground aplomb. McClintock leads an annual expedition cruise to the Antarctic on climate change (some of you may have traveled with him).

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Carol Devine, Wendy Trusler

The Antarctic Book of Cooking and Cleaning

Travel Narrative | 2015 | HARD COVER | 272 pages

An insightful miscellany from a 55-person environmental cleanup expedition in Bellingshausen, Antarctica, led by two intrepid women. The authors' travelogue is supplemented by 42 recipes, anecdotes, journal entries, vignettes and captivating photography.

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Stephen R. Bown

The Last Viking, The Life of Roald Amundsen

Biography/Memoir | 2013 | PAPER | 356 pages

Bown plumbs newspaper archives, Amundsen's own words and contemporary accounts for this tale of the unusual and hugely accomplished explorer, first to the South Pole, first across both the Northeast and Northwest passages and a pioneer of polar aviation.

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Rebecca Hunt

Everland

Literature | 2015 | PAPER | 320 pages

This atmospheric novel charts two expeditions to a fictional Antarctic island called Everland. The first, set in 1913, is a doomed voyage that captures the age of Scott and Shackleton and the second, in 2012, may be fated to repeat the same mistakes.

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Sebastian Copeland

Antarctica, A Call to Action

Natural History | 2008 | HARD COVER | 96 pages | Favorite

Copeland's collection of striking photographs includes a three-page list of sensible suggestions to protect the planet.

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Peter Clarkson (Introduction), Julian Dowdeswell (Foreword), Alex Bernasconi (Photographer)

Blue Ice

Natural History | 2016 | HARD COVER | 204 pages

Award-winning nature photographer Alex Bernasconi explores the harsh climates and extreme conditions of the Antarctic through awe-inspiring panoramas, giving due attention to the diversity and resiliency of the native species.

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Gavin Francis

Empire Antarctica: Ice, Silence and Emperor Penguins

Natural History | 2014 | PAPER | 304 pages

Gavin Francis recounts his time as base doctor at Halley Research Station, the British Antarctic Survey base on the Caird Coast in the Weddell Sea.

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Fen Montaigne

Fraser's Penguins

Natural History | 2012 | PAPER | 320 pages

Montaigne turns a summer working with penguin biologist Bill Fraser at Palmer Station into a captivating tale of hard work, camaraderie and penguins, deftly capturing the allure and grandeur of the Antarctic Peninsula.

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David Neilson (Photographer)

Southern Light, Images from Antarctica

Natural History | 2013 | HARD COVER | 306 pages

Neilson has turned his six journeys to the ice (sometimes lugging a 30-pound large format camera), into a coffee-table tribute to the continent and its wildlife. Includes 130 color and 100 rich black-and-white oversized photographs.

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David Campbell

The Crystal Desert

Natural History | 2002 | PAPER | 308 pages

A biologist with the heart of a poet, Campbell focuses on the fossils, glaciers and wildlife of the Antarctic Peninsula in these vivid essays.

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Diego Punta Fernandez

A Voyage to Antarctica, Wildlife of the Antarctic Peninsula

Field Guide | 2013 | PLASTIC CARD

A high quality, laminated fold-out card featuring the wildlife of the Antarctic Peninsula as well as the Drake Passage, Cape Horn and Beagle Channel.

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James Lowen

Antarctic Wildlife

Field Guide | 2011 | FLEXI-BOUND | 240 pages

Produced by a shipboard naturalist, this handy identification guide focuses on the Beagle Channel, Drake and Peninsula regions.

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