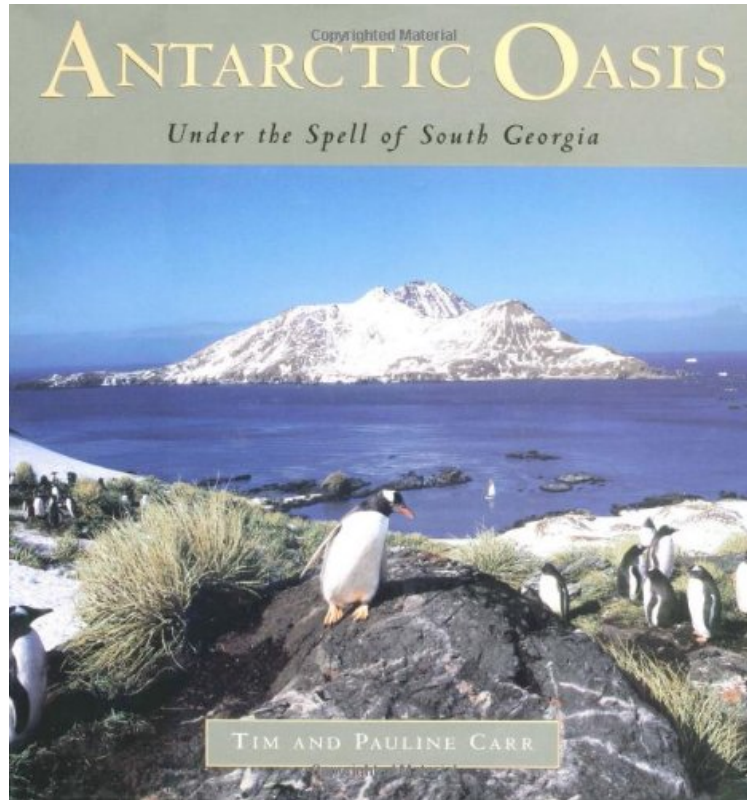


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Pauline Carr, Tim Carr : Antarctic Oasis: Under the Spell of South Georgia before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Antarctic Oasis: Under the Spell of South Georgia:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Magical BookBy mikeskorThis is a magical book. It has beautiful photos and a really interesting narrative from this sailing couple who live such an unusual life in a lovely location. It will make you fall in love with nature. Worth every penny.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Delightful, Exciting, Clear, Fascinating ReadBy R2Sailing with the Carrs is to savor every word. I'd find myself backtracking, wanting to re-read it continually as I discovered Antarctica with them. I was fascinated to read about the Carrs' abilities and tenacity. As an old sailor myself, I understand their sailing language, and I really appreciate the fact that they had no mod-coms -- just basic, true sailing skills. Their close relationship is an absolute must when living aboard such a small boat for so long in such challenging circumstances.The fact that they kept the rigging and all its gear simple, basic and strong, with nothing electronic -- similar to almost all the 100-year-old style equipment -- means they had nothing modern that would be fragile to break or to go wrong. The last generation of fine sailors, such as the Hiscocks and the Smeeton, would have approved entirely of their sailing skills and basic, good seamanship.I really appreciate the writing: it's delightfully clear, neither pedantic nor flowery -- but shows their confidence in their abilities while also revealing their awareness of their fragility in such a potentially overwhelming environment.The photographer is stellar! From a sailor's perspective, this book is beautiful both in its photographs and its writing -- a

thrill to read! I've been savouring it slowly, like a delicious gourmet meal. If the Shackleton crew could come back and take this journey with the Carrs, they'd be thrilled. Meanwhile, any reader will be, too. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. antarctic oasis:under the spell of south georgiaBy diane rousseauthis is a place i have longed to visit after seeing it in the living eden video series and being acquainted with the epic shackleton expedition. it is fittingly the last resting place of sir ernest shackleton. i have recently visited cape horn and was entranced by the primeval nature of this part of the world. south georgia, wild and remote, harsh but fragile, of extraordinary beauty and innocent wildlife. this part of the tempestuous southern ocean was exploited in the past by whaling and sealing and may be now threatened by krill harvesting that could affect the food supply of its abundant wildlife. even if one were lucky enough to cruise to south georgia, one would only see a fraction of what the carr's have captured in this extraordinary book. they are not only world class sailors and adventurers, sailing the southern ocean in a small, motorless sailboat and living for years, year-round on south georgia, they are first-rate photographers and writers. most of us will never go there, but this book is the next best thing, even if you do.

An account of one couple's life on a remote island beyond the Polar Front, a tale to rival the exploits of the great nineteenth-century explorers. After twenty-five years of cruising the world's oceans, renowned blue-water sailors Pauline and Tim Carr found themselves being drawn to the lonely places of the higher latitudes to experience earth's last, scarcely touched regions. Antarctic Oasis records the culmination of those exploits. True adventurers, the Carrs have lived year-round on South Georgia for five yearsits only civilian inhabitantsexperiencing a way of life that has all but vanished from our modern world. A center of the Norwegian whaling industry in the last century, today a remnant of the far-flung British Empire, South Georgia is a splendid if forbidding land of towering, glacier-clad mountains and a treacherous, storm-torn coast punctuated by sheltered bays. During its brief polar summer, the island's verdant shoreline offers Antarctic wildlife a place to feed, mate, and rear their young. The only humans on the scene, the Carrs have learned intimate details about the lives of whales, penguins, seals, albatrosses, skuas, and many others. In all seasons the Carrs explore South Georgia's uncompromising coast aboard their yacht Curlew. Their deep fascination with the island, its wildlife, and its history will stir the spirit of adventure and discovery in us all.

From BooklistThe first thing you notice about this handsome book is a surfeit of color. In the mind's eye, the Antarctic is a study in sterile white, but in the Carrs' spectacular photographs, the Antarctic island of South Georgia is brilliant with green and gold lichen and grasses, the bright orange markings of penguins, the tawny beauty of caribou, and spectacular skies. One hundred miles long and glacier-clad, South Georgia is the South Pole's oasis, home to 2.2 million fur seals, hundreds of thousands of penguins, the world's largest flock of wandering albatrosses, countless petrels, and two human beings, the Carrs, a couple famous for their sailing prowess and love of far-off lands. Their gorgeous and unexpected photographs, lively history of the island, and personable account of their lives onboard their 100-year-old yacht reignite our sense of wonder in nature and remind us that it is possible to live in the wilderness and do no harm. Donna Seaman A magnificent book....[T]he pictures are the best I've seen in a cruising narrative. -- Soundings, December 1998Stunning photographs, accounts of the Carrs' experiences, and a survey of Antarctic natural history void the impression of a stark, lifeless place. Instead, the Carrs, the only two permanent inhabitants of the island of South Georgia for the past five years, reveal a land abounding with albatrosses, seals, and plush greenery during the summer months. -- Science News, 7 November 1998About the AuthorPauline Carr (with Tim Carr) and Curlew, their 100-year-old, 28-foot wooden cutter, comprise the world's most celebrated blue-water sailing team. The Carrs have lived aboard Curlewwhich has no engine, no radio transmitter, and no electrical systemfor thirty years, crisscrossing the world's oceans. The couple has received the highest accolades for seamanship from cruising clubs the world over. Tim Carr (with Pauline Carr) and Curlew, their 100-year-old, 28-foot wooden cutter, comprise the world's most celebrated blue-water sailing team. The Carrs have lived aboard Curlewwhich has no engine, no radio transmitter, and no electrical systemfor thirty years, crisscrossing the world's oceans. The couple has received the highest accolades for seamanship from cruising clubs the world over.