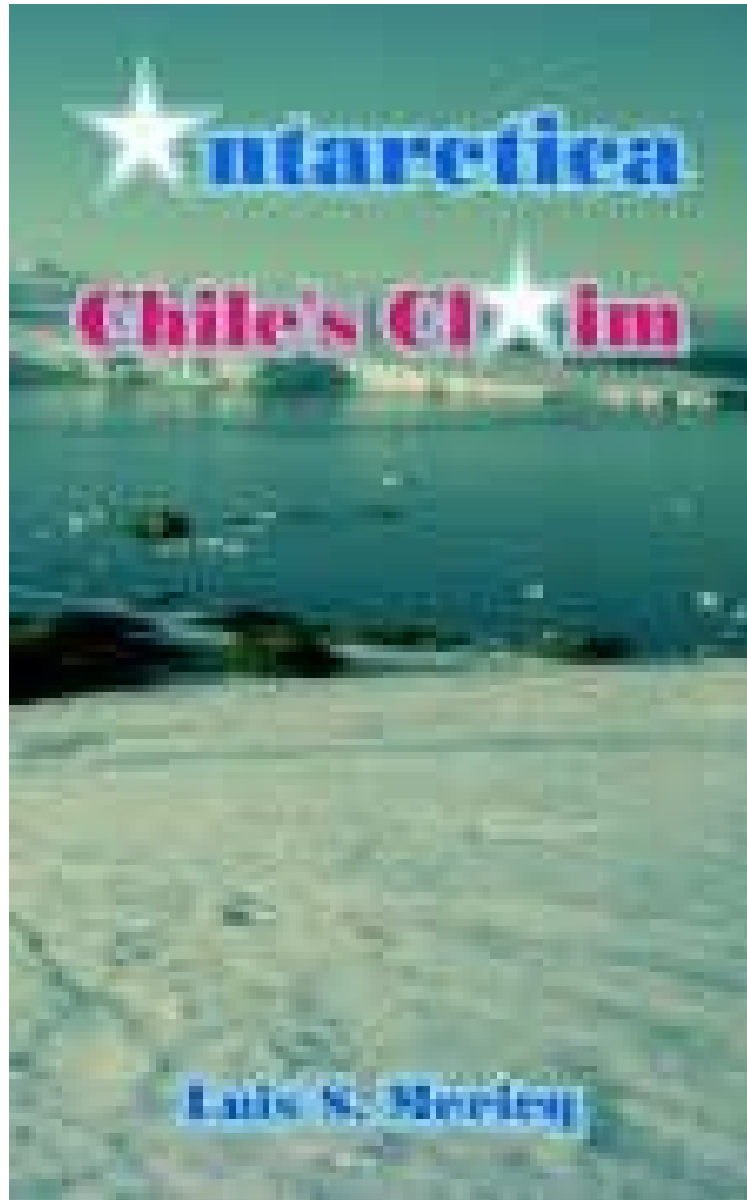


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A brief history of AntarcticaBy Luis MansillaGreat overview about the geopolitics of the Antarctic Continent. The book is separated in four chapters:1.- The Antarctic Continent, which briefly describes the story of explorations, fauna and flora and the minerals and hydrocarbons of this region.2.- The

Future of Antarctica, why is everybody interested in this continent.3.- The Antarctic Treaty of 1959, and4.- Chile's Interest in Antarctica.As you will see there are two important movements arguing the future of this continent, one is Internationalization of the continent and the other one is Territorial claims of this polar region. In my view the first one is totally out of discussion since countries like Russia has nothing to claim about this continent. I believe Antarctica is of major importance for this earth, we must take good care of it, but nobody knows what the future holds so if one day some of its resources needs to be exploited, is absolutely necessary that those countries with valid claims should be granted access to it, that is to say, Chile, Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, Norway and France.

Antarctica commonly viewed as a barren, inaccessible, frozen land, but, in fact--as this study shows--the southernmost continent is a productive laboratory for scientific research, one rich in natural resources like oil, natural gas, and high-grade gold ore, and one of the few places on the globe where nations of conflicting ideologies and different levels of development are working in harmony and sharing scientific knowledge. In *Antarctica: Chile's Claim*, Brigadier Luis S. Mericq, Army of Chile, a former National Defense University International Fellow, recounts the relatively short history of Antarctic explorations and discoveries, and describes the diverse physical characteristics of the region. He analyzes the pressures--environmental and political--that threaten the future development of Antarctica. This groundwork leads to a critical examination of the remarkably successful Antarctic Treaty of 1959, an agreement which has promoted the peaceful sharing of scientific research and the resolution of political issues. The author concludes by making a case for the Antarctic claims of Chile, which, by reasons of geography and history, has a long and abiding interest in the continent. The Antarctic Treaty is due for review and possible revision in 1991. The United States and other signatory nations preparing for this event need to know more about this still largely unexplored land, and to understand better one another's perspectives on Antarctic issues. This study is a step toward responding to those needs. Bradley C. Hosmer Lieutenant General, US Air Force President, National Defense University