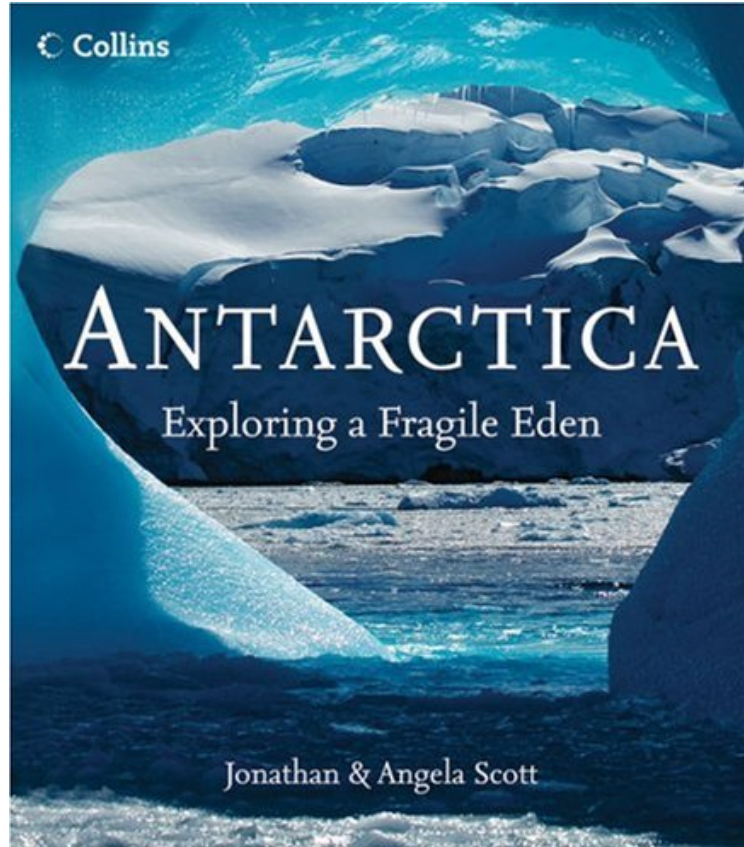


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Jonathan Scott, Angela Scott : Antarctica: Exploring a Fragile Eden before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Antarctica: Exploring a Fragile Eden:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Antarctica needs to be seen and not heard. By Dan Mularski Listened to the audio book. Historic parts were good with the explorers and descriptions of the Antarctic. However, lengthy descriptions of the wildlife and exhaustive minutia may work with accompanying photos, but became boring while listening to them. May be a great coffee table book, but the audio is not a great format for this. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Visually impressive and enormously informative. By G MI really liked this book. After reading about five volumes on Antarctic explorers, I decided to buy a book that would allow me to (a) get a visual feel for Antarctica; (b) learn some general knowledge about this frozen continent. In both these respects the Scotts succeed admirably. The husband-and-wife team of Jonathan and Angela Scott (both award-winning wildlife photographers) have combined three distinct skills in this volume: research; photography and drawing. Yes, they have actually taken the trouble to do their own illustrations. And not only is the quality of their sketches high, but they have not taken the easy way out: all the drawings are done by stippling - a technique which requires real patience to get right. The main topics covered are: the discovery of Antarctica; the heroic age of Antarctic exploration; the lives of native creatures

(on land, sea and air); conservation; and the continent's future both as an unclaimed territory and a bellwether of climate change. I would say that not all of the content was intriguing (I think I skipped the chapter on the Falkland Islands), but what really distinguishes this book is the sense of wonder at the natural world: indeed, the conviction that Antarctica is something to be marvelled at simply permeates every page. Thus it is the strength of the authors' fascination with their subject that really pulls you into their narrative.

Weaving together the discovery stories of explorers such as Cook, Shackleton, Scott, and Amundsen, with the ecological stories of whaling and sealing, fishing and climate change, man's impact on this magnificent continent is revealed. For such an austere, frozen, and inhospitable environment, Antarctica is in fact a surprisingly fragile Eden.

'Combining accessible text with gorgeous photos and a few line drawings, Antarctica is the work of two writers who clearly have a love for and fascination with the continent.' Real Travel magazine '!seductive photographs with text that argues convincingly the importance of the earth's scarce, unspoiled places.' The Scotsman 'An impressive book that will appeal to anyone with an interest in the southern polar region.' The Sunday Business Post Jonathan and Angela Scott are 'two shining stars in the wildlife galaxy' Amateur Photographer magazine About the Author Jonathan and Angela Scott are coauthors of the Big Cat Diary trilogy and Mara-Serengeti.