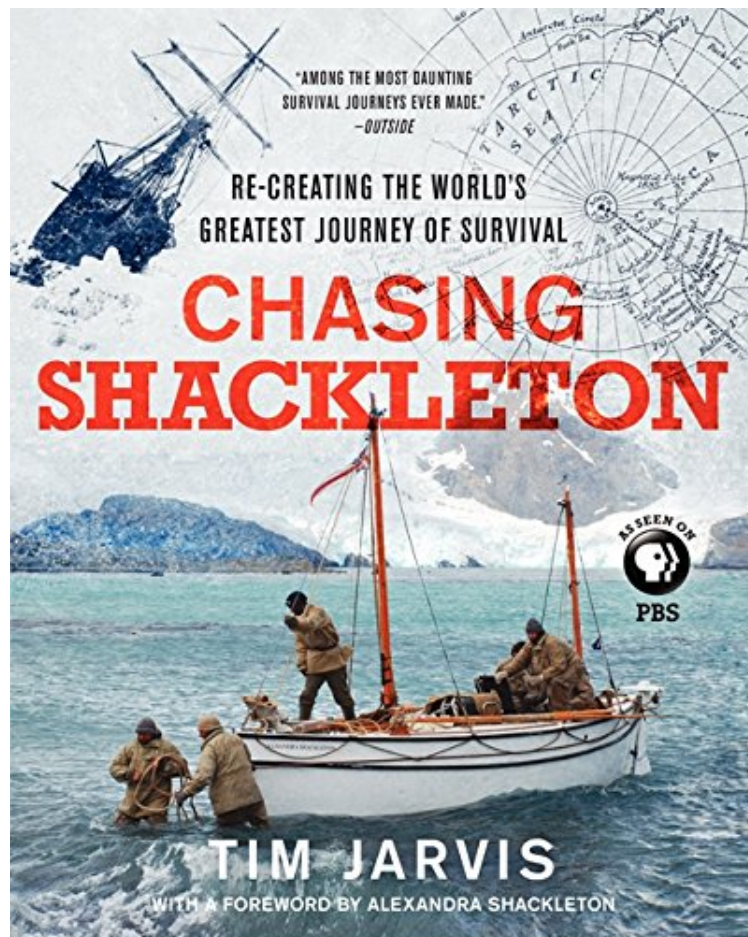


Chasing Shackleton: Re-creating the World's Greatest Journey of Survival

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Tim Jarvis : Chasing Shackleton: Re-creating the World's Greatest Journey of Survival before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Chasing Shackleton: Re-creating the World's Greatest Journey of Survival:

19 of 21 people found the following review helpful. A beautiful book about an amazing adventure By Margot Morrell Have you ever wondered what it would be like to talk to Sir Ernest Shackleton about the Endurance expedition? Meet Tim Jarvis. Tim didn't recreate the entire Endurance expedition. Just the hardest parts. To be specific, the boat journey from Elephant Island to South Georgia and the crossing of South Georgia. Until Tim and his worthy team accomplished the double in early 2013, only Shackleton accompanied by Frank Worsley and Tom Crean had managed to pull off this amazing feat. Here's the back story. About 2007, Alexandra Shackleton approached Tim Jarvis about recreating her grandfather's double. Since Shackleton's 1916 accomplishment, many people had crossed South Georgia but only a few attempts had been made at recreating his almost-impossible boat journey. In 1997, an

Irish team were forced to scuttle their boat after capsizing three times. In 2000, a German crew had to be towed part of the way. Trevor Potts valiant attempt in 1993-94 with a three-man crew came closest to success. Ironically where, Shackleton refused to take the risk of being pushed past South Georgia and opted to land on the uninhabited Antarctic-facing shore, Potts was driven by the raging seas to the supposedly friendlier eastern shore. Potts and his team attempted a reverse crossing of the island - from Stromness to King Haakon Bay but were forestalled by the treacherous terrain and a shortage of food. I've had the pleasure of hearing Tim tell the story of the Shackleton Epic a number of times. As Tim's beautifully titled book makes clear his challenges were almost as great as Sir Ernest's. This is a story that never gets old. It's a story of man pushed to the limits. It's a story of remarkable teamwork. It's a story of doing the impossible. My heartiest congratulations to Tim on a magnificent achievement and a wonderful book.

Margot Morrellco-author, *Shackleton's Way - Leadership Lessons from the Great Antarctic Explorer*

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. An Amazing Adventure

By AnnetteSource: Free copy from William Morrow in exchange for a review.

Summary: Tim Jarvis, an experienced explorer, was asked by the granddaughter of Sir Ernest Shackleton, to recreate Shackleton's 1916 famous trek. Shackleton and his crew had embarked on a course to reach the South Pole in 1914; instead, their ship became stranded in ice. In 1916 Shackleton and a select few men, made the journey across the rough Southern Ocean to the island of South Georgia. Their next goal was to climb over the interior mountains to a remote fishing village in order to rescue the men left behind on the ship.

Tim Jarvis, put together a crew and a plan to follow the same route Shackleton had done. They would use original equipment from Shackleton's era, including a replica built boat like the one used by Shackleton in order to reach South Georgia.

The book *Chasing Shackleton*, begins with the initial planning phase of the expedition. Jarvis chose men based on: experience, health, knowledge, abilities, and fortitude. The gathering of gear and the building of the replica boat was the next step. A Discovery channel team would follow Jarvis's group and film the expedition.

My Thoughts: I have not watched the PBS special on the recreation, but my husband has and found it very interesting. I enjoyed reading this book for several reasons:

1. During the crossing of the Southern Ocean (in the small replica boat) it was a "white knuckle" reading adventure.
2. I loved reading about Shackleton's story, it was placed first in the book; then Jarvis began telling his story of the planning of the expedition and the adventure itself.
3. I appreciate the realness of the team's experience. The Jarvis group of men are experienced athletes and explorers; however, they had experiences of failure or weakness.
4. Common habits of life are difficult in extreme conditions, for example: where do you use the bathroom?
5. I am amazed at the endurance and fortitude of both groups of men, the Shackleton group and the Jarvis group.
6. Stunning photographs are displayed throughout the book as well as a few maps.
7. *Chasing Shackleton* is a phenomenal story of adventure.

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Long-time Shackleton fan

By Jonathan A. Hayes "*Chasing Shackleton*" is the story of a modern re-creation of Shackleton's epic boat trip from Elephant Island to South Georgia and the subsequent trek over the South Georgia mountains to the Stromness whaling station. They tried to make it as realistic as possible, using equipment as close to Shackleton's as they could. The result is a gripping story. We watched the PBS show (which are available on DVD). This will give you an even greater appreciation of Shackleton's leadership skills and Frank Worsley's navigation skills (he must be classed as the greatest navigator of all time). Read this book!

In this extraordinary adventure memoir and tie-in to the PBS documentary, Tim Jarvis, one of the world's leading explorers, describes his modern-day journey to retrace, for the first time ever and in period clothing and gear the legendary 1914 expedition of Sir Ernest Shackleton. In early 1914, British explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton and his team sailed for Antarctica, attempting to be the first to reach the South Pole. Instead of glory, Shackleton and his crew found themselves in an epic struggle for survival: a three-year odyssey on the ice and oceans of the Antarctic that endures as one of the world's most famous tales of adventure, endurance, and leadership ever recorded. In the winter of 2013, celebrated explorer Tim Jarvis, a veteran of multiple polar expeditions, set out to recreate Sir Ernest Shackleton's treacherous voyage over sea and mountain, outfitted solely with authentic equipment: clothing, boots, food, and tools from Shackleton's time, a feat that has never been successfully accomplished. *Shackleton's Epic* is the remarkable record of Jarvis and his team's epic journey. Beautifully designed and illustrated with dozens of photographs from the original voyage and its modern reenactment, it is a visual feast for readers and historians alike, and an essential new chapter in the story that has inspired adventurers across every continent for a century.

From Booklist Here's a book whose subtitle employs the world's greatest accurately, speaking of Ernest Shackleton's astonishing 1916 Antarctic rescue. Author-adventurer Jarvis has re-created in nearly every detail that harrowing trip (in a replica James Caird using traditional navigation and period gear and equipment) across the Southern Ocean from Elephant Island to South Georgia and up and down its mountainous terrain. Though others have tried this and failed, Jarvis, with help and patronage from Shackleton's granddaughter Alexandra and a team of brave, seaworthy men, made it, and the expedition's nuts and bolts (financial, emotional, and literal) are detailed here, accompanied by fascinating quotes from the accounts of members of Shackleton's original journey. Nearly every page of this oversized book features a map, or an illustration, or a period or contemporary photo, from close-ups of gnarled hands stitching the

replica sails and the boat-making process to the seagoing men sleeping, just barely, under reindeer-skin blankets. The PBS documentary tie-in will flesh out this thrilling tale, but the book itself is a treasure-trove of minutiae and derring-do for both explorers and those who will simply gaze in wonderment. --Eloise Kinney Mr. Jarvis tribute to Ernest Shackletons Antarctic expedition has had a danger and heroism that are worthy of the original. (The Guardian)This is a story of triumph! Tim Jarvis and his companions have successfully recreated my grandfathers 1916 voyage over the stormiest seas in the world. I feel it was a thoroughly Shackletonian expedition. (ALEXANDRA SHACKLETON, Granddaughter of Ernest Shackleton)A daring re-enactment. ... All the plaudits to him and his team are thoroughly deserved. (Telegraph)An extraordinary expedition (The Daily Mirror)Polar explorer Jarvis takes on the re-creation of one of the most difficult treks imaginable. The story of their journey is bone-chilling and breathtakingly frightening. a most remarkable feat. A well-written, compelling read. (Kirkus)Thrilling. ... A treasure-trove of minutiae and derring-do for both explorers and those who will simply gaze in wonderment. (Booklist)A chilling account of an epic struggle to survive. (Traveler)From the Back CoverIn celebration of the centenary of Shackletons legendary journey, join Tim Jarvis on his quest to become the first to re-create what sir edmund hillary called the greatest survival story of all time19141916One hundred years ago, in early 1914, famed British explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton embarked for the South Pole on the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition, hoping to make the first land crossing of Antarctica. For three years there was no word from the expedition, and most assumed the men had perished, as so many polar explorers had before them. Remarkably, however, the crew was very much alive, thanks to Shackletons leadership. After their ship, the Endurance, was crushed by Antarctic ice and the men trapped on a small, inhospitable island, cut off from all hope of rescue, Shackleton decided to attempt a risky eighthundred-mile voyage across the notoriously treacherous Southern Ocean. For seventeen days, he and five of his crew battled constant gales, terrible cold, and mountainous seas in a leaking 22.5-foot wooden boat. In one of historys greatest feats of navigation, they succeeded in landing on the small, remote island of South Georgia. Finally, they faced a climb over precipitous, heavily glaciated mountains to reach the whaling station at Stromness on the other sidea journey that would challenge the limits of todays top mountaineers. Ultimately, Shackleton was able to rescue all twenty-two crew membersa heroic triumph of endurance and leadership.January 2013Using authentic period clothing, equipment, and rations, and sailing a precise replica of Shackletons small, keel-less boat, explorer Tim Jarvis leads a six-man crew in an attempt to re-create Shackletons historic crossings for the first time. A veteran of Antarcticas breathtaking frozen wastes, Jarvis finds himself facing one of the most dangerous journeys ever willingly undertaken, quickly gaining a firsthand appreciation for the extraordinary challenges that Shackleton overcame. While documenting the devastating impact a century of climate change has had on the regions ice caps and glaciers, the trek proves to be a relentless struggle against poor odds and inhospitable conditionsfor even today, the remote Antarctic remains as fierce and unforgiving as ever before.Vividly illustrated with historical and contemporary photography, Chasing Shackleton tells the unforgettable story of these two expeditions, separated by nearly a hundred years but unified in the spirit of epic discovery, adventure, and survival.