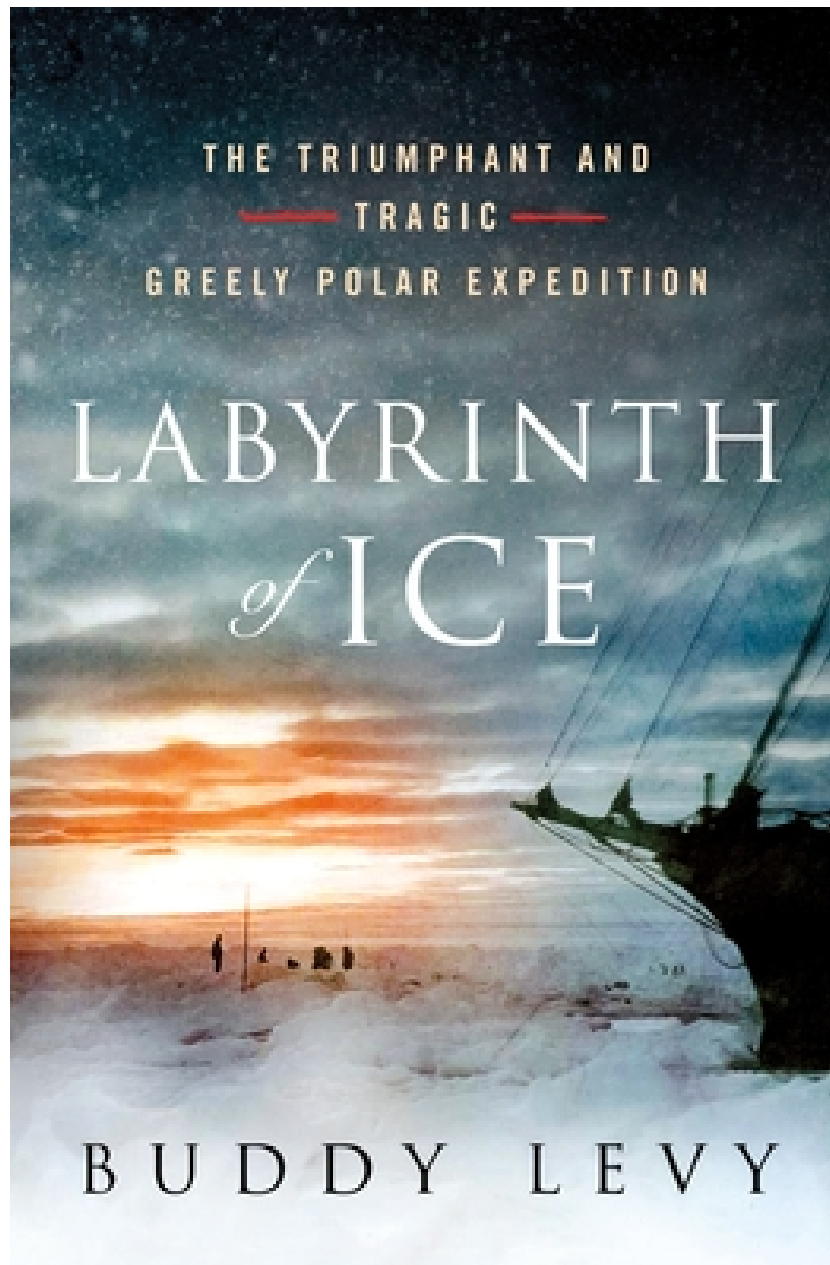


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Excellent book.

Jeffrey Keeten

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You are, fair reader, in for a grand adventure once you decide to pick up this book, but what you may not expect is that there is a love story woven into this tale. Not the... what happens in the sleeping bag in the Far North stays in the Far North type of fumbling romance, but some of that soulmate mysticism. When the bumbling Adolph Greely first meets the lovely and intelligent Henrietta, I wouldn't have bet a single farthing on his chances, but he is persistent. She finally says,

Don't you just frilling love that? Not illiterate phone texts, but real letters, composed by the heart.

I can see Greely at his desk, eyeglasses askew, hair mussed, surrounded by the crumpled remains of his wooing efforts, calling for a muse, any muse, to give him the words that will win him the attention of this lovely creature.

He must have wielded a deft pen because he does convince Henrietta to be his wife. They have two daughters, and then he promptly sets off for the frozen North on a polar expedition.

Now before you start thinking that men don't care about romance, I can assure you they do. When a man is in the trenches and mortars are landing all about him, or sitting in a cooking pot in the South Pacific surrounded by cannibals, or freezing to death on an iceberg near the Arctic Circle, I know that every man's last thoughts will be of his wife, his mother, his sister, or a lost lover (male/female, take your pick). Henrietta, through all the trials and tribulations that are about to happen to Adolph, is never far from his mind.

Things, needless to say, go wrong for the expedition. I've never read an adventure story that unbelievable, disastrous things don't happen. A clue resides in the subtitle! The Triumph and

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This book will definitely become a must-read for everybody, like myself, interested in the exploration of the Arctic. Having read earlier about two most famous attempts by John Franklin and George De Long to explore the only then uncharted and most mysterious part of our planet, I was delighted to have received a book that covers yet another polar expedition. Lt. Adolphus Greely undertook in 1881 the mission to collect the meteorological and geographical data of the Arctic. The expedition was

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Buddy Levy drew on personal letters, diaries and all authentic materials while writing his book, and the effect is remarkable. His talent to tell the story of the brave men who fought against the nature makes this non-fiction a book that can only generate awe and admiration for the explorers and their will to survive till the very end.

The exploration ended in 1884, unfortunately, several of Lt. Greely's men paid the highest price for their courage.

Labyrinth of Ice is definitely one of the best non-fiction I have read this year. It is a story of courage, survival and mutual support in the most inhospitable environment.

A big thank-you to Buddy Levy, St. Martin's Press and NetGalley for a copy in exchange for my honest review.

Matt

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- Letter written by Sergeant George W. Rice, Lady Franklin Bay Expedition Member, to 2nd Lieutenant Frederick F. Kislingbury

This year, summer seemed to last a little longer than usual. Well into October, she clung with sharp talons, inducing enervating heat and humidity, even as autumnal leaves fell and pumpkins appeared on doorsteps.

It appears, though, that the languorous, lazy days are finally at an end. Dawn breaks with silver tips; the cold wind is starting to blow; just over the horizon are the dark clouds and the long nights. Winter will soon be upon us.

And you know what that means.

Doomed-polar-expedition-book season!

Whether weâ€™re talking about Sir John Franklinâ€™s search for the Northwest Passage, George DeLongâ€™s pursuit of the North Pole, or Robert Falcon Scottâ€™s lunge for the South, misbegotten cold-weather adventures amount to a sturdy literary sub-genre. They all feel a bit similar, beginning with hubristic overconfidence and ending with a severe lesson from Mother Nature. Nevertheless, all these tales are eminently readable for what they demonstrate about the spectrum of humanity. There is no test of character like the test of character presented by sub-freezing weather and no food.

Buddy Levyâ€™s

is an excellent addition to this canon of dubiously-conceived escapades. It tells the story of Adolphus Greelyâ€™s ill-fated â€œLady Franklin Bay Expedition,â€• which began with a vague goal of reaching â€œfarthest north,â€• and ended with surviving members greedily eating their shoes. By the time you have reached the last page, you will almost certainly have a different perspective on your own wintertime experiences.

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Although I considered myself knowledgeable in both Arctic and Antarctic exploration, I realize I have much more to learn. Thanks to St. Martin's Press for the chance to read the advanced copy of Labyrinth Of Ice in return for an objective review.

An incredible amount of information was garnered from this book. It was impossible to put down. Not dry in the least, this incredibly researched book taught much. I was completely unaware of the Greely Expedition in its entirety. I not only learned much but was engrossed in the book. Every page was a new adventure in exploration. For this education, I am grateful.

After receiving the book, I finished without stopping in two days. I sincerely hope that other exploration books will be forthcoming.

The author had considerable research, knowledge and ability to impart this knowledge in a most intriguing and fascinating read. The writing was impeccably crafted. The knowledge imparted absolutely incredible. I am extremely proud to have had this opportunity to read and review.

Not only is this a wonderful and informative book, it is amazingly beautiful.

A tragic exploration described in great detail is difficult to read and this is a book worthy of any person who is interested in exploration. Not only highly recommended and a MUST READ, but a book not to be missed by even a novice exploration reader.