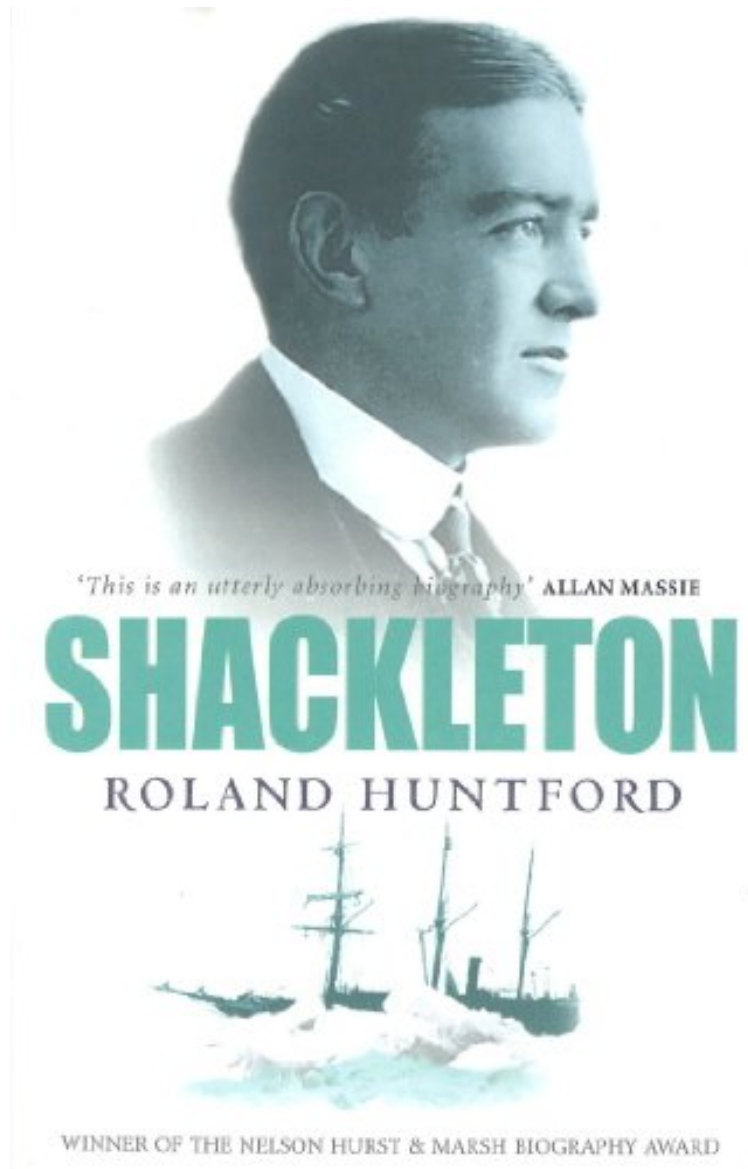


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. "This is a man's man!"Von Miklos C. KissI first read of Shackleton in National Geographic. That only whetted my appetite to hear his entire exruciating journey. Roland's biography took me two months to read, but it was worth it.I will never

forget Ernest Shackleton. From "Shackleton" I learned about leadership, the power of hope, optimism, human relationships; the power of dreams, perseverance. You will learn more from "Shackleton" in two months than you will from a lifetime of MBA professors. Shackleton's antarctic journeys are the most engaging tales of survival, endurance and human pressure that I have ever read. Can you imagine yourself crossing 1,000 miles of frigid south Atlantic seas in a 20 foot boat, with 3 men, a box of matches, a pulpy map, a Victorian compass, and insufficient water in order to save the lives of 50 men who are in an even worse predicament! He did all that and more. If you like real life stories of survival and adventure, you will enjoy this book to no end. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Actually, two and a half stars. Von Mr. Joe This LENGTHY biography of the British polar explorer Ernest Shackleton is unquestionably fully researched, highly detailed and competently written. Yet, long tracts left me bored to tears. The essence of this great man's life is more concisely presented in Alfred Lansing's "Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage", a much shorter work that specifically chronicles the quest of the ship Endurance, a failed South Polar expedition that metamorphosed into a remarkable odyssey of incredible hardship and gritty survival, and a tribute to Shackleton's ability to lead men to hell and back - without the loss of even a single life. Buy the latter rather than the former, especially if you have too many books to read and too little time. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Unbelievable story put into great prose by Roland Huntford Von Neil Fordyce The story of the Endurance is brilliantly put by Roland Huntford. Shackleton must be measured by the success of getting his crew through this horrific saga. This book should be read along with "Scott and Amundsen" also by Huntford - the story of the race for the South Pole. Huntford also published a biography of Nansen. "Shackleton" sits on my shelf next to Martin Gilbert's biography of Churchill. Note that this book was first available in New Zealand and Australia in the mid 1980's.

Kurzbeschreibung Ernest Shackleton was the quintessential Edwardian hero. A contemporary - and adversary - of Scott, he sailed on the 'Discovery' expedition of 1900, and went on to mount three expeditions of his own. Like Scott, he was a social adventurer; snow and ice held no particular attraction, but the pursuit of wealth, fame and power did. Yet Shackleton, an Anglo-Irishman who left school at 16, needed status to raise money for his own expeditions. At various times he was involved in journalism, politics, manufacturing and City fortune-hunting - none of them very effectively. A frustrated poet, he was never to be successful with money, but he did succeed in marrying it. At his height he was feted as a national hero, knighted by Edward VII, and granted 20,000 by the government for achievements which were, and remain, the very stuff of legend. But the world to which he returned in 1917 after the sensational 'Endurance' expedition did not seem to welcome surviving heroes. Poverty-stricken by the end of the war, he had to pay off his debts through writing and endless lecturing. He finally obtained funds for another expedition, but dies of a heart attack, aged only 47, as it reached South Georgia. de Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Anglo-Irish explorer, never achieved his goal of reaching the South Pole, though he was knighted in 1909 for having come within 100 miles. With bravery matched only by his theatricality, Shackleton sought to top that accomplishment by landing on one side of Antarctica and traveling the width of the icy continent by sledge. What might have been a great exploratory journey turned into a raw struggle for survival when his ship became trapped in pack ice, and he was forced to lead his team on a desperate trek across hundreds of miles of the world's most dangerous terrain. He made it home, but even his stature as one of Edwardian England's greatest heroes could not save Shackleton from financial risk taking; he ended his life mired in debt. Roland Huntford's biography presents a balanced and lively portrait of a man who was, depending on which of his contemporaries you asked, a national hero or a contemptible rogue. --Robert McNamara Pressestimmen This is an utterly absorbing biography ... moves one to tears of relief, joy and blind wonder (Allan Massie) Expertly handled and written ... makes extensive uncensored use of the diaries written at the time (ECONOMIST) Unlikely to be superseded (Robert Fox, LISTENER) Magnificent ... Huntford has done justice to this great and complex man. That, in itself, is a triumph (SUNDAY TIMES)