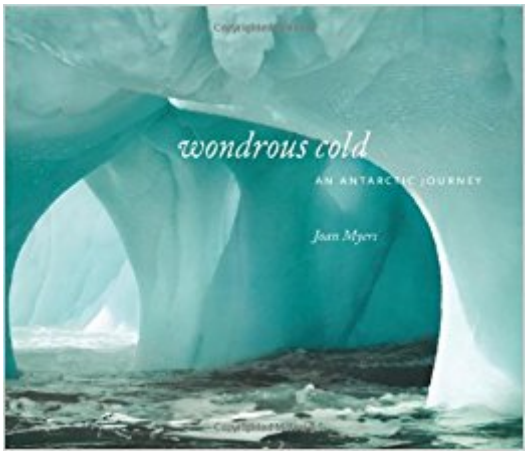
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Synopsis

For centuries Antarctica has captured the imagination of explorers, scientists, and armchair travelers. Its starkly beautiful landscape, extraordinary wildlife, and harsh climate only begin to suggest the wonders of the world's least understood continent.Intrigued by a part of the planet vividly described in the journals of explorers Robert Falcon Scott and Ernest Henry Shackleton, award-winning photographer Joan Myers set out to see for herself why people are drawn to such an inhospitable and uncompromising place. Over the course of several trips, Myers traversed the continent by foot, plane, helicopter, snowmobile, and Coast Guard icebreaker. Working in below-freezing temperatures, braving blizzards and wind chills as low as -84Ã Â F, she captured entrancing panoramas of Antarctica's beauty and vast scale, teeming penguin rookeries and docile seals, and the ghostly abandoned huts of early explorers. From her temporary base at McMurdo Station, Antarctica's primary research facility, she documented the daily lives of the scientists and support staff who work in this extreme environment.Wondrous Cold features more than 180 of Myers' captivating color and black-and-white photographs. Her engaging journal entries describe the physical challenges of taking photographs in a place where a tripod freezes solid in five minutes as well as the research, rhythms, and rituals of life on the Ice. New York Times writer Sandra Blakeslee contributes sidebars on the science conducted at the world's most remote frontier.

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mysterious otherness of the frozen south.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •Sarah Wheeler, author of Terra Incognita: Travels in Antarctica and Cherry: A Life of Apsley Cherry-Garrard

Wondrous Cold: An Antarctic Journey is the companion book to a new museum exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES). After premiering at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., in May 2006, the exhibition will be shown in 15 American cities through 2010. As a book and exhibition, Wondrous Cold takes its place among the panoply of varied and engaging topics that SITES presents. We are deeply grateful to Quark Expeditions, our generous sponsor, for sharing our vision of reaching Americans wherever they live, work, and play.

Beautiful book. It was a gift for friends going to the Antartic this year.

Antarctica was my dream trip and in preparation I bought, read and enjoyed the pictures in several book. This book is a treasure and the photos are simply awesome. Now that I have been to the continent, I can say that no photograph does this continent justice. It is just too magnificent. If you buy this book, you will enjoy it.

As soon as I received this book, I felt a chill...this book really conveys what I would expect the antarctic to be...every page has photos and takes you on a wondrous journey throughout the antarctic. My son is planning to take me there on my "big" birthday when I turn 70 years old...And I just can’t wait to see in person the beauty and wonder that this book portrays of this icy area of the world. Olimpianbooks, the seller, kept their word and sent me a flawless book.

I purchased this book shortly before going to Antarctica and the breathtaking pictures and the very engaging narratives about the continent and the people who work and live in such a place was great preparation for such a journey.

Although this is a "coffee table" style book, and the pictures are excellent, its stated goal was to review the interaction of humans with Antarctica, and it does this exceedingly well. Ms. Myers insights and her expressions of the feelings of being on this beautiful continent are excellent. Study the photos well, but read the text thoroughly. By all means, get this book if you have any interest in Antarctica.

I bought this book for my son, who was traveling to Antarctica for his work. He said it was a wonderful book with lots of beautiful pictures.

I was fortunate enough to have worked a bit with Joan when she was in Antarctica, as part of the National Science Foundation's, Writers and Artists Program. This wonderful book captures the beauty and majesty of Antarctica like no other. In her many travels to and around the Antarctic, Joan was given opportunities and access to areas that are rarely seen by anyone, let alone the many scientists and researchers that work in Antarctica. You will be immensley pleased with this book and through it become more aware of Antarctica, its history and beauty.

Went down to antarctica for work, nice to see this before I went. Some interesting facts, and boring information, but that's how you sell a nice coffee table book. This book could hold it's own if it were 5 pages though. Still, interesting.

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