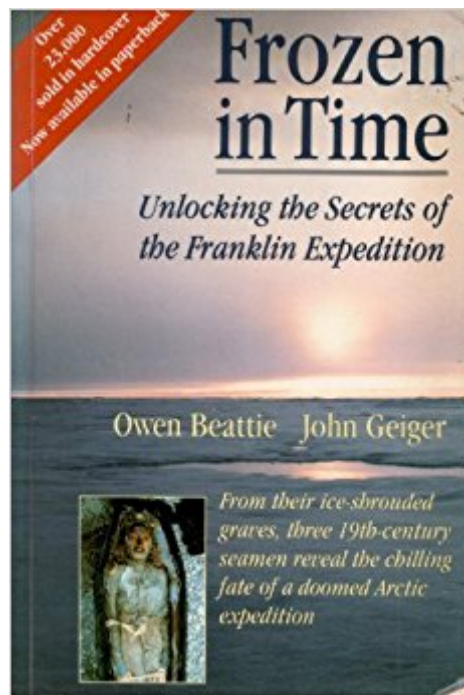




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YA-- One of the great mysteries of the 19th Century was the fate of the HMS Erebus and the HMS Terror, two ships of the British Royal Navy which disappeared on their second Arctic expedition. Remains found later indicated that the explorers had suffered a horrible death, enduring starvation and in some cases turning to cannibalism. Canadian anthropologist Beattie hoped that Arctic temperatures would help contemporary scientists decipher the puzzle. Applying modern scientific methods, Beattie's team shed new light on the reasons behind the demise of a scientific expedition which had been the most lavishly outfitted, scientifically up-to-date expedition ever mounted when it sailed in 1845. This book enables readers to actually look into the faces of men who died almost 150 years ago--so perfect has been their preservation in Arctic ice. The pictures taken by Beattie which illustrate and document the two summers which the Canadian team spent in Arctic ice grab readers and don't let go. Science, geography, and history students will benefit from this intriguing book.- Gwen Salama, Hastings High School, Alief, Tex.Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Bit gruesome, not as much history and content as hoped for.

This book is probably the most touching and tragic piece of work about the 1845-48 Sir John Franklin Northwest Passage Expedition. It's a past and present journal respecting the 129 souls who perished from Beechey to King William Islands, NWT Canada. Filled with nearly 100 %

historically correct information, it also includes photos of these sailors exhumed in 1984 & 1986: Leading Stoker John Shaw Torrington, HMS TERROR (who's photo published in 1984 made news around the world), Able Seaman John Hartnell, HMS EREBUS and Private William Braine, R.M., HMS EREBUS. Through 20th century science Dr. Owen Beattie's team, the 1845-48 Franklin Expedition Forensic Anthropology Project (FEFAP), solved one major piece of the puzzle perplexing Arctic Historians/ Franklin Researchers-Searchers for over 147 years - what caused the remaining 105 men to drag mostly invaluable artifacts across the arctic tundra? Tissue samples from the above mentioned men & bones excavated on KWI revealed chronic lead poisoning was the root of the tragedy. Amazingly the complex medical results were written in a style far removed from High Academics, making it a pleasure to read. A M-U-S-T for your Franklin collection!!!

This book was great and I hope you will check it out! It gave great detail to the 1984-6 expeditions headed by Owen Beattie that searched into the fatal arctic expedition of 1845. In 1845, Sir John Franklin, known for his previous polar exploration, took two ships and 128 crew members into the icy north. Their goal was to find a northwest passage above Canada, but nobody ever heard from them again. Many have tried to solve the mystery, and much information has been handed down through time, but Beattie's group was the first which found traces of lead poisoning, which led them to believe that faulty food containers may have added to the loss of the men from these expedition. The most interesting thing about the book is the detailed explanations of exhuming the graves of three sailors from Sir Franklin's failed attempt. Pictures add to the excitement and looking into the frozen faces of men who died 150 years ago, excite the imagination. You will also be left with a feeling of sadness at the terrible fate of those men and all who perished with them in the arctic wilderness. May they rest in peace.

Beattie returns to the scene of the 'crime' where the Erebus and Terror left some debris. Meticulously and reverently he exhumes three graves and removes samples to be tested later. With much hardship and dignity the corpses are replaced and the permafrost reclaims their charges. Forensic anthropology has never been so gripping.

I first bought this book in the UK, read it and re-read it a number of times. I originally had no interest in this subject, but now, due to the excellent presentation, I find myself thinking of the hardships those men went through. I moved to the US and left the book behind. I now find myself desperately seeking a copy. That is the impact of this book. It's images will stay with the reader for the rest of

their lives.

This was a book I could not put down until I had finished reading it. An excellent book with elements of history, exploration, archaeology, forensics, and mystery, all concerning the courageous and tragic Franklin expedition. I was inspired to read this book after seeing Sir Franklin's epitaph in Westminster Abbey: "Not Here, The Frozen North Doth Have thy Bones. And Thou Heroic Sailor Soul Travels Onward Toward No Earthly Pole."

I bought this book about ten years ago and didn't have chance to read it until about a week ago. After reading this book, the vivid description of detail field work and photographs hunted me for several sleepless nights. I will certainly go into this field as much as I can.

This book is very interesting because it lets you understand how courageous were people more than hundred years ago. Life was completely different and you feel that difference. I would say, people went to an expedition, almost knowing they were not coming back. This makes you wonder.

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