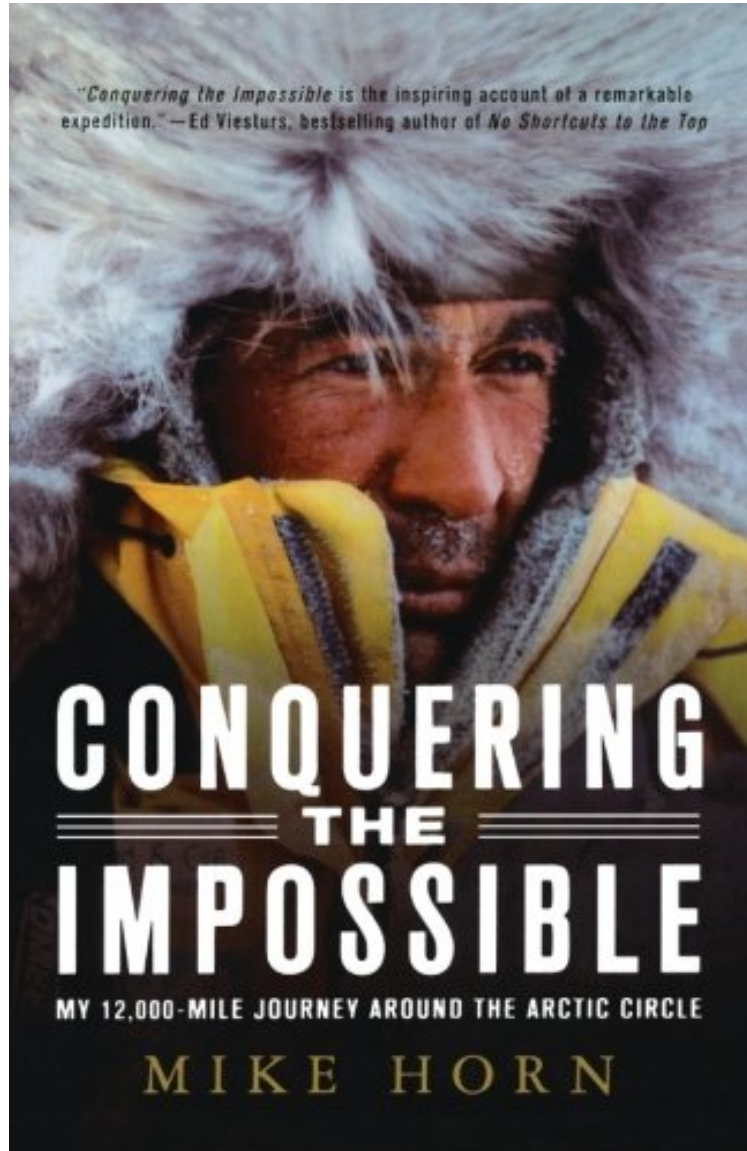


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this to be a book which drew me in and allowed me to see what he saw and feel the elation and the despondency. That a person could walk so far on foot in such extreme conditions is amazing. The stupidity of bureaucracy at times seem more likely to end Mike Horn's adventure than any polar bear. I also took some valuable lessons from Mike Horn's story and his attitude towards overcoming challenges and achieving goals. One of my favourites is "...By extending my stride by 4 inches...my journey would be covered a month and a half sooner." Imagine how many times he took another "4 inches in 12,000 miles!" 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Amazing engrossing story filled with detail and first hand descriptions ...By Mike Morgante Amazing engrossing story filled with detail and first hand descriptions of an incredible trip around the world at the latitude of the Arctic Circle. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Title Says it All By Customer An incredible adventure; however, I really wish the author had put more into the story about the people and cultures he encountered on his expedition. Although Horn's journey was remarkable, this book was one long "Me against the elements" story, which became a bit monotonous. Still, I liked the book and recommend it to anyone with a taste for adventure. I wish Horn's other book, Latitude Zero, would be translated into English.

In August 2002, Mike Horn set out on a mission that bordered on the impossible: to travel 12,000 miles around the globe at the Arctic Circle - alone, against all prevailing winds and currents, and without motorized transportation. *Conquering the Impossible* is the gripping account of Horn's grueling 27-month expedition by sail and foot through extreme Arctic conditions that nearly cost him his life. Enduring temperatures as low as -95 degrees Fahrenheit, Horn battled hazards including trekking on unstable ice that plunged him into frigid waters, encounters with polar bears so close that he felt their breath on his face, and a fire that destroyed all of his equipment and nearly burned him alive. From the hair-raising dangers that Horn faces alone to his amusing and inspiring encounters with the hardy inhabitants of the remotest corners of the earth, this adrenaline-filled tale chronicles one man's unrelenting desire to push the boundaries of what is humanly possible.

From Publishers Weekly Circumnavigating the globe at the equator wasn't enough for South African extreme adventurer Horn, so he promptly set out on a solo expedition to the North Pole. As he recounts in the opening chapters of his memoir, an attempt to tie a loose shoelace when the temperature was 76 below zero resulted in his thumb splitting open, the skin translucent all the way to the bone. And yet, just a few months after being treated for frostbite, Horn set out again, this time preparing to travel the entire perimeter of the Arctic Circle. This voyage has its own share of death-defying episodes, from multiple encounters with bears to a kayak ride through a maze of icebergs, not to mention the oppressive Russian bureaucracy. But it's also filled with charming interludes, like Horn's arrival at a Canadian mining town just days before it closes for good, or his tightrope walk along the top of a Russian oil pipeline. Through all these adventures, Horn reflects on why he feels compelled to push himself to such limits, comparing his trek to a rite of passage: It was inside myself that I took a long, long walk, he says. Readers will be grateful to share his experiences vicariously. (June) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. This voyage has its share of death-defying episodes . . . but it's also filled with charming interludes. Through all of these adventures, Horn reflects on why he feels compelled to push himself to such limits. It was inside myself that I took a long, long walk,' he says. Readers will be grateful to share his experiences vicariously. Publishers Weekly From the Inside Flap In August 2002, Mike Horn set out on a mission that bordered on the impossible: to travel 12,000 miles around the globe at the Arctic Circle - alone, against all prevailing winds and currents, and without motorized transportation. *Conquering the Impossible* is the gripping account of Horn's grueling 27-month expedition by sail and foot through extreme Arctic conditions that nearly cost him his life. Enduring temperatures as low as -95 degrees Fahrenheit, Horn battled hazards including trekking on unstable ice that plunged him into frigid waters, encounters with polar bears so close that he felt their breath on his face, and a fire that destroyed all of his equipment and nearly burned him alive. From the hair-raising dangers that Horn faces alone to his amusing and inspiring encounters with the hardy inhabitants of the remotest corners of the earth, this adrenaline-filled tale chronicles one man's unrelenting desire to push the boundaries of what is humanly possible.