

Dead Silence: the Greatest Mystery in Arctic Discovery

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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Greatest arctic mystery not involving FranklinBy JanlynnEven the reader with a casual interest in Arctic lore and history has heard of the lost expedition of Sir John Franklin, fewer have heard the mystery of James Knight. Nearly three centuries ago, Knight set out to find riches in the frozen north at Marble Island. He made it there with his crew as artifacts attest, but no one really knows what happened to him there. Were Knight and his men murdered by the local people or left to die hardheartlessly by Samuel Hearne, his enemy? The book provides the account of explorers/scientists John Geiger and Owen Beattie's attempt to solve this long standing mystery. A facinating account for those interested in Arctic exploration and the explorers who dared lead the way north.

In 1719 the Englishman James Knight, then in his seventies and vastly experienced in Arctic travel, set out with two ships and forty men to find the north-west passage. His ships entered Hudson Bay and were not seen again until almost three centuries later when Owen Beattie and John Geiger discovered them submerged and well-preserved near the remote Marble Island, known to the Inuit as "Dead Man's Island". This book is an archaeological detective story. Following their success in resolving the mystery of the fate of the Franklin expedition of 1845 (the story told in their

book "Frozen in Time"), Beattie and Geiger have used every available technique - historical clues, archaeological excavations, forensic analysis of human remains, the discovery of the missing ships - to resolve the Arctic's greatest mystery. Piece by piece, the authors discover what really happened. It climaxes with the cruel revelation that the last man died attempting to dig a grave for his last companion. The authors not only reveal the truth of Knight's fatal adventures, but uncover a tale of intrigue and betrayal.