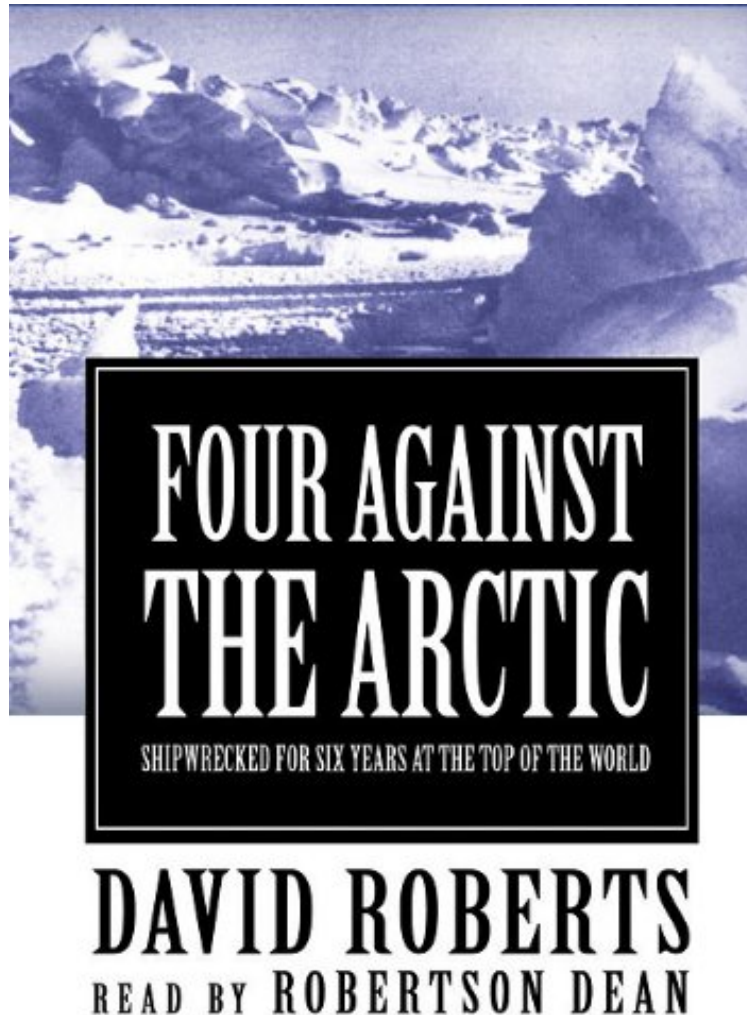


## Four Against the Arctic: Library Edition

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**David Roberts : Four Against the Arctic: Library Edition** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Four Against the Arctic: Library Edition:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Exceptional Adventure By N. Barnard White This book has such diverse reviews, I have to add my "two bits." I loved this book for what David Roberts was able to learn about an incredible survival of the four men. One part that really fascinated me was the way the three healthier men did their best to keep the man alive who became ill. They were challenged every day to keep themselves alive, but they showed compassion for the one who was no longer able to contribute to daily survival means. I would agree that Roberts can be pompous, but he has conquered quests most of us only contemplate. I'd love to visit Svalbard myself, but I would settle for a Polar Cruise and not do anything on the level of his adventuring. The book has a vast collection of

informational tidbits on many topics that tie into his basic story of the four Russian men stranded on Edgeoya (or nearby). Another part I enjoyed was that about his trip to the Russian town (village?) where the men lived before and after their arctic adventure. Roberts was able to learn new details from residents where the story had been kept alive. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I read it anyway By Fairlee E. Winfield I'm an incurable fan of anything about the Arctic or Antarctic. Maybe because of my Norwegian roots. I devour this stuff, so David Roberts's self-interest couldn't stop me. Nevertheless I have to agree with some of the other reviewers. There wasn't a whole lot in these 304 pages about the four Russian sailor/survivors. Robert's research at Cambridge got pretty slow, but when he finally arrived on Svalbard's shores, his own adventure, it was better. What troubled me was his continuous disdain of previous writers and even his disdain for his fellow adventurers on Svalbard. I think I learned a bit about Polar Bears though. How awesome that people can survive in these extreme environments. I'd like to try it some day. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Four Against the Arctic: Shipwrecked for Six Years at the Top of the World By C. Pinkham I have read this book before and wanted it for my collection. It is in very fine condition. However, it does not contain the original 60-page story that got the author interested in this misadventure in the first place. This is important information and is included in other publications of this book. This was very disappointing.

First it is the tale of four men who, in 1743, were marooned in the Arctic for six years with supplies for only one day, and secondly, it is a contemporary author's search to retrace their steps and discover the truth.

From Publishers Weekly The author of *Escape from Lucania* uncovers an extraordinary tale, set in the mid-18th century, about four Russian hunters stranded on a desolate Arctic isle with scant resources, who survived for six years. Initially, Roberts is so preoccupied with debunking earlier histories of the shipwreck that the drama barely comes to life. He fumes at the shortcomings of other historians such as the "pompositives" and "basic mistakes" of the writer P.L. Le Roy. But these records give the author significant information as he embarks on his own Arctic journey in order to better understand his subjects. Luckily, few things can get in the way of a good story, and when Roberts manages to get out of his own way, he captures it with precise, thoughtful prose. With each discovery and every interview, he pieces together the mystery of how the four men actually survived. Whether detailing how these men fashioned clothing from animal hides, drank the warm blood of reindeer to prevent scurvy or crafted bows and arrows from "driftwood, polar bear tendons, flattened nails, and bird feathers," Roberts succeeds in creating an inspirational survival story. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist In 1743 a Russian ship bound for walrus-hunting grounds in the Arctic was wrecked by ice during a gale, stranding the vessel's four survivors on the barren island of Svalbard. They survived for six years with almost no provisions. The men miraculously found a prefabricated log cabin left behind by an earlier expedition. Their only possessions were a musket, a knife, an ax, a kettle, 20 pounds of flour, a tinderbox and a small amount of tinder, a pouch of tobacco, and four pipes. Roberts tells how they killed 10 polar bears with homemade lances and how they made bows and arrows to kill reindeer and foxes. Roberts, the author of 14 other books, writes that their lives depended on keeping a fire going, fueled only by driftwood. In researching the book, Roberts went to libraries and archives on two continents, and he led a four-man expedition to Svalbard. The book is an astonishing story, an almost unbelievable feat of survival. George Cohen Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved "A gem in the literature of survival under dire conditions." -- Kirkus s "By combining the compelling account of a little-known tale of survival with his own riveting modern-day quest to uncover the story, Roberts turns *Four Against the Arctic* into a gripping suspense thriller." -- Jennifer Niven, author of *Ada Blackjack: A True Story of Survival in the Arctic* "A completely absorbing and fascinating detective story about one of the most astonishing feats of survival in history... This is a wonderful book of both intellectual and real-life adventure." -- Derek Lundy, author of *Godforsaken Sea: The True Story of a Race Through the World's Most Dangerous Waters*