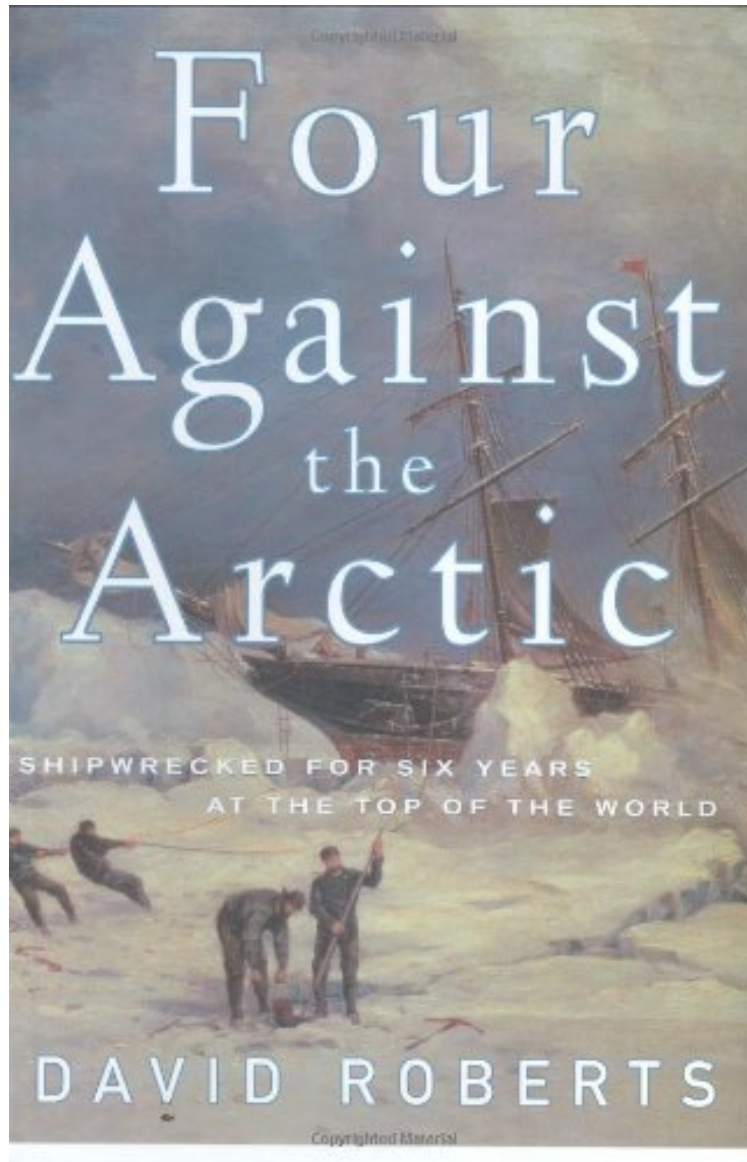


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David Roberts : Four Against the Arctic: Shipwrecked for Six Years at the Top of the World before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Four Against the Arctic: Shipwrecked for Six Years at the Top of the World:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Exceptional AdventureBy N. Barnard WhiteThis 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 Robert'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.

Follows the author's reconstruction of the survival story of four eighteenth-century Russian sailors who were shipwrecked on the barren Arctic island of Svalbard for six years.

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 Peter Stark Author of *Last Breath: the Limits of Adventure* Four Against the Arctic is a fascinating inquiry by one of the world's best exploration writers into an incredible feat of survival. Using Sherlock Holmesian logical rigor and a mountaineer's wilderness savvy, David Roberts transports us on an engrossing and obsessive high-Arctic quest to unravel the mystery of the four shipwrecked Pomori sailors. --