

# Frozen in Time: Unlocking the Secrets of the Doomed 1845 Arctic Expedition

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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Frozen in Time: Unlocking the Secrets of the Doomed 1845 Arctic Expedition:

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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. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Fascinating and riveting account of arctic exploration By Susan Holbert Ray 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."

From School Library Journal 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.