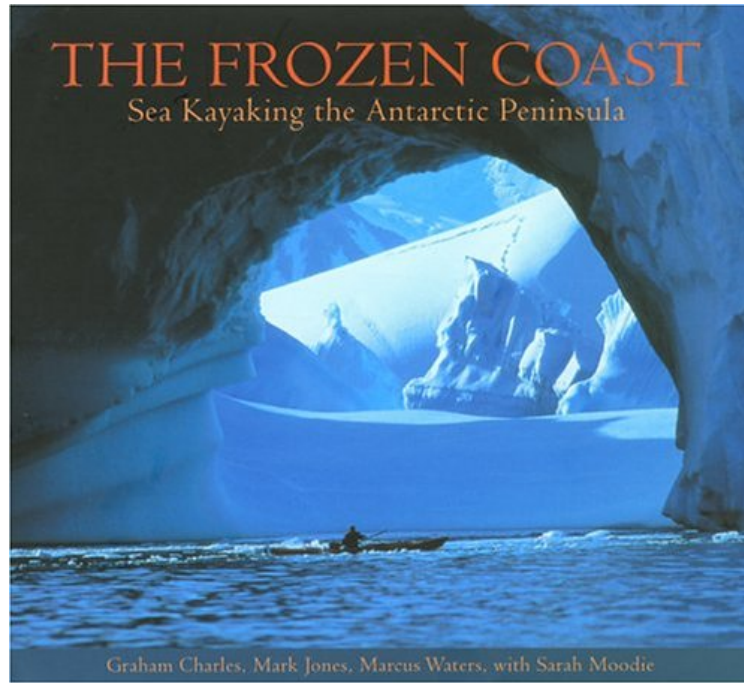


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Graham Charles, Marcus Waters, Mark Jones, Sarah Moodie : The Frozen Coast: Sea Kayaking the Antarctic Peninsula before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Frozen Coast: Sea Kayaking the Antarctic Peninsula:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Brings back the memories! By Eb J My brother and I went on an expedition ship along the Antarctic Peninsula last year. We brought back some great images, but 8 days in the area wasn't nearly enough. The images in this book are magic, especially so when you remember everything was carried in and done from 3 kayaks. The typical Kiwi understatement may hide the true passion that must be there to undertake such an unearthly challenge. I can understand the immense effort involved, and also the absolute fascination of this unique environment. So much so, that we're going back next January for a 21 day trip. Can't wait. Thanks guys for an un-put-downable read and set of images! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. fascinating, inspiring, beautifully understated, and very human By A. Woodley There is no derring-do in this story of 3 men's voyage to Antarctica. And not just a voyage, a 528km kayaking trip from the northernmost tip of Antarctica, heading south.....as you do for your summer holidays.... While there are threats and potential problems, the reality of the trip was that most of them didn't come to fruition. So this is more than just a book about close shaves, encounters with man-eating wildlife, and battling the odds- but it is a very real tale of three men and their close encounter with Antarctica from kayaks. I didn't really enjoy the book in the first few chapters at first. It felt trite, there was a great deal about planning and the problems of expeditioning. However once the trip began it suddenly became a very real and fascinating read. Each chapter is told in turns by one of the three paddlers and their perspective, tone and issues come through adding colour and depth to each of the sections. The book is beautifully illustrated by Graham Charles's

photographs. And while the wildlife was gorgeous - penguins, seals, and whales, and the landscape spectacular - the photo which haunts me is the pictures by Charles of 'Jonesy' hood up, head down, paddling through sloppy seas, with wind howling around him, said most to me about the trip. It was probably easier and more scenic to take the spectacular shots, but this was ultimately human. Once I had read it through I went straight back and read this book again. It is a great read. I suppose for the needs of their sponsors they mentioned pretty much everyone who helped them in the beginning, but their planning chapter - while logically at the beginning of the book, I found made better reading the second time around. The great thing about these three is they are good friends, and the friendship has clearly stayed with them - they have since done another trip which is a book I would also like to read now. I enjoyed reading the human element of their voyage, and their individual way of doing things. As they point out, expeditions often fall apart because small individual differences in the way each member operates become annoyances to other members. The three men write well, without interlarding their text with unnecessary superlatives. They leave issues to the intelligence of the reader to sort out. So when they are sunbathing naked on the shores of a bay and a cruise ship with 500 passengers turn up, it is discussed sparingly and left to the reader to imagine, not just what the cruise ship passengers must have felt seeing three naked kayakers on shore, but how it feels for the three men to be in the middle of one of the most remote regions in the world, with 500 extra guests. This book is a real keeper - and I will be getting other books by the group.

7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Chilling Out By Bill Marsano One day New Zealander Graham Charles realizes that no one else has kayaked the Antarctic Peninsula, and so he rounds up two similarly experienced Kiwi paddle pals to join him on a 528-mile voyage that is so well-planned it's almost dusty. (The fourth author, Sarah Moodie, is a journalist involved only in the writing end.) The three men write a little about each other and a little more about the trip per se (this is not a text-heavy production), each taking for himself one section of the journey. All in all there's more hard work than drama here, at least partly because their planning (exemplified by an excellent chapter on equipment) precluded the endless death-defying adventures, mishaps and show-off machismo that are all too commonly the stock of books of the into-the-void variety. In short there are some thrills--but no thrills. The gang's greatest drama, in fact, comes when they're in someone else's hands, being ferried back to Argentina. The prose is workmanlike and in all there's a rather muted emotional tone here: The paddlers seem to think the voyage is a bit of all right as a fairly extreme male-bonding experience, but clearly no one's actually obsessed with it. To pump the emotional temperature up a bit, Mme. Moodie is dragooned to staple on some sonorous and high-flown prose about the idealism of adventure: how man must needs go a-questing, a-daring the unknown, and how the race needs people test themselves. Jeez: There's even a Mission Statement! Adding this claptrap to a lot of sudden realizations of man's wee-tiny place in the vast universe occasionally made me long for George Mallory's empty-headed (but brief!) explanation of why he wanted to climb Everest: "Because it's there." But then there are the photos. Many of them are so perfectly exposed and beautifully composed that they look like studio shots or Sierra Club posters. They make you wonder who carried the 8X10 view cameras--and who lugged Ansel Adams. I'd like to see these shots three times as big and three times as many. They're perfect for winter dreaming by the fire with your feet up and some wine at your elbow. You can stare at them until you fall right into the frame.--Bill Marsano is an award-winning editor and writer whose own kayaking voyages fill only pages, not books.

Paddle alongside this trio of explorers and experience what it means to venture south into Earth's iciest wonderland.

"Illustrated with splended images that capture the harsh grace of an alien landscape, armchair explorers will enjoy this book full of self-deprecating wit and charm." Bill Becher Daily News