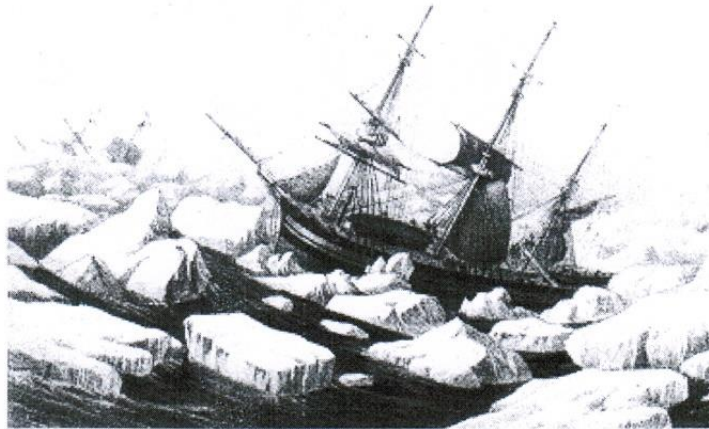


Arctic and Antarctic Explorers
Wednesdays, 1:30 – 3:30, Spring semester 2018
Dewey Common, Smith College
Gail and John Gaustad, co-moderators

Oh, but there are marvelous adventure stories about Arctic and Antarctic exploration. They tell of shipwrecks, murder, fraud, cannibalism, amazing courage, and survival against all odds. These are stories best read while safely snuggled under a comfy quilt.



HMS Erebus and HMS Terror . . . In an ocean of rolling fragments of ice . . .

In this seminar each participant will recount one of these stories. By the end of the seminar we may well have answers to such questions as

- What happened to the Franklin Expedition?
- Why did so many Europeans succumb to scurvy when the natives didn't?
- Was Dr. Cook a scoundrel and did he get to the North Pole first?
- Was Peary a scoundrel and did he get to the North Pole first?
- Was Byrd a scoundrel and did he get to the North Pole first?
- What were Scott's mistakes?
- Was Captain Hall murdered?
- Did Frobisher discover gold in the Arctic in 1576?
- How did Mawson survive from dangling in a crevasse?
- What happened to the team setting caches for Shackelton's planned expedition?
- What was "The Worst Journey in the World"?
- Why was Hudson sent away "Captain Bligh style"?

DISCOVERY

OF THE

NORTH POLE

Dr. FREDERICK A. COOK'S own story of how he reached
the North Pole April 21st, 1908.

and the Story of Commander ROBERT E. PEARY'S
Discovery April 6th, 1909.