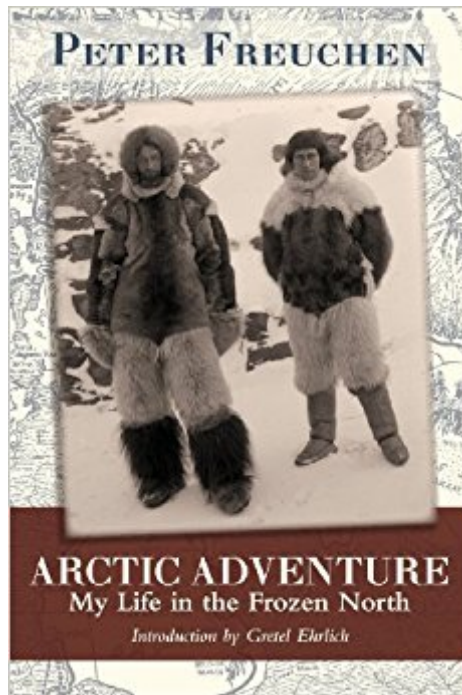




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Arctic Adventure: My Life In The Frozen North



Synopsis

Shortly after his death in 1957, The New York Times obituary of Peter Freuchen noted that "except for Richard E. Byrd, and despite his foreign beginnings, Freuchen was perhaps better known to more people in the United States than any other explorer of our time." During his lifetime Freuchen's remarkable adventures, related in his books, magazine articles, and films, made him a legend. In 1910, Freuchen and his friend and business partner, Knud Rasmussen, the renowned polar explorer, founded Thule-a Greenland Inuit trading post and village only 800 miles from the North Pole. Freuchen lived in Thule for fifteen years, adopting ways of its natives. He married an Inuit woman, and together they had two children. Freuchen went on many expeditions, quite a few of which he barely survived, suffering frostbite, snow blindness, and starvation. Near the North Pole there is no such thing as an easy and safe outing. In Arctic Adventure Freuchen writes of polar bear hunts, of meeting Eskimos who had resorted to cannibalism during a severe famine, and of the thrill of seeing the sun after three months of winter darkness. Trained as a journalist before he headed north, Freuchen is a fine writer and great storyteller (he won an Oscar for his feature film script of Eskimo). He writes about the Inuit with genuine respect and affection, describing their stoicism amidst hardship, their spiritual beliefs, their ingenious methods of surviving their harsh environment, their humor and joy in the face of danger and difficulties, and the social politics behind such customs as "wife-trading." While his experiences make this book a pageturner, Freuchen's warmth, self-deprecating wit, writing skill and anthropological observations make this book a literary stand out.

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"Fascinating... There is not a dull page in it."--The New York Times --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

In 1910, Freuchen and his close friend, the famed arctic explorer Knud Rasmussen, founded a settlement and trading post among the Greenland Inuit at Thule, only 800 miles from the North Pole. Freuchen lived there for fifteen years, adopting native ways of life, and married an Inuit woman and had two children. He went on many expeditions, surviving frostbite, snowblindness, and starvation. In Arctic Adventure he writes of polar bear hunts, of meeting people who had resorted to cannibalism in times of famine, and of the moving experience of seeing the sun after three months of winter darkness. He writes about the Inuit with great respect and affection, describing their stoicism amidst hardship, their spiritual beliefs, their ingenious ways of surviving their harsh environment, their humor in the face of danger, and the social politics behind such customs as "wife-trading." Freuchen's warmth, wit, and tremendous literary ability make this book stand out from so many explorers' tales; it is a rich human saga. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My husband is enamored with the life in the frozen lands. This book was a very welcome addition to his collection.

Probably the best true adventure story I have ever read. Bought this one because I loaned one to a sick friend and never got it back.

Fascinating arctic history lesson. Lots of humor in tough conditions by someone who was there

This book should get an 11 and be read by every adventurer in the universe. It is the inspirational story of Freuchen's life adventuring in and around Greenland at the turn of the century.....an amazing life, a remarkable man, a fantastic book. If you plan to read only one book in your life forget about Dostoevsky, Proust, and Shakespeare, and read this. I liked it

Loved it!!!

I read an early hardcover edition from my local library - it includes dozens of photographs that

accompany the powerful story line very nicely. The author from age 17 to 50, his family, native friends, etc. etc. The photographs added a lot of color to the story. For whatever reason all photographs have been omitted from this new edition. If I were you I'd try to read an edition that contains the original photos.

Great story.

While this is one of the best books I and my family have ever read, THE PAPERBACK EDITION CONTAINS NO PHOTOS! Had I known this, I would have spent the extra to get an old library copy. Just sayin'. . .

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