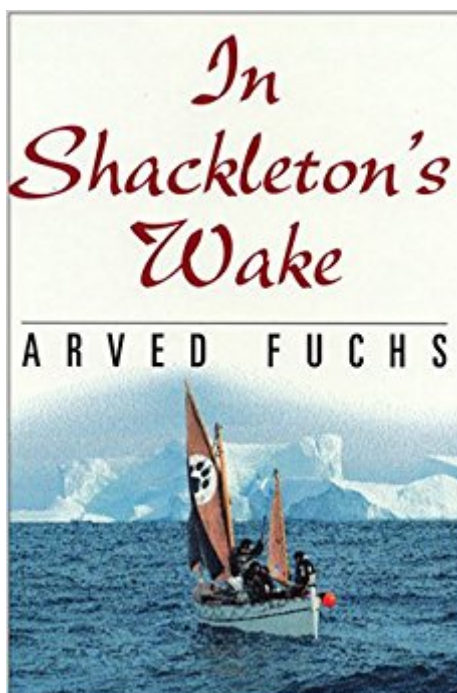


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Arved Fuchs is a well-known German adventurer, sailor, and author.

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This German explorer and his team tell of their attempts to recreate the voyage and subsequent shipwreck of the WW1-era Shackleton expedition to the South Pole. Mostly, they tried to relive what it was like to survive in a tiny boat in the Antarctic, then trek over the rugged South Georgia Island. Though this is a translation, it reads very well, if a bit heavy with sailing terminology. They don't do the voyage exactly as the real one went off, but this is an interesting account of a modern polar expedition.

people feel the urge to risk their lives in endeavors like this one! I had to wonder about the incredible amount of money that must go to re-enact such a dangerous voyage, too. But the story makes fascinating reading. A first-person account of sailing some of the most treacherous seas in the world really brings out the dangers faced--involuntarily--by Ernest Shackleton and his men. One change I wish for the book: a detailed map comparing Fuchs' journey with Shackleton's. Fuchs mentions several options Shackleton might have taken, but without a map, I can't see them for myself. Otherwise, this is a very readable (though I did have trouble with nautical terms, not being a sailor myself) and interesting addition to the literature of polar adventure.

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