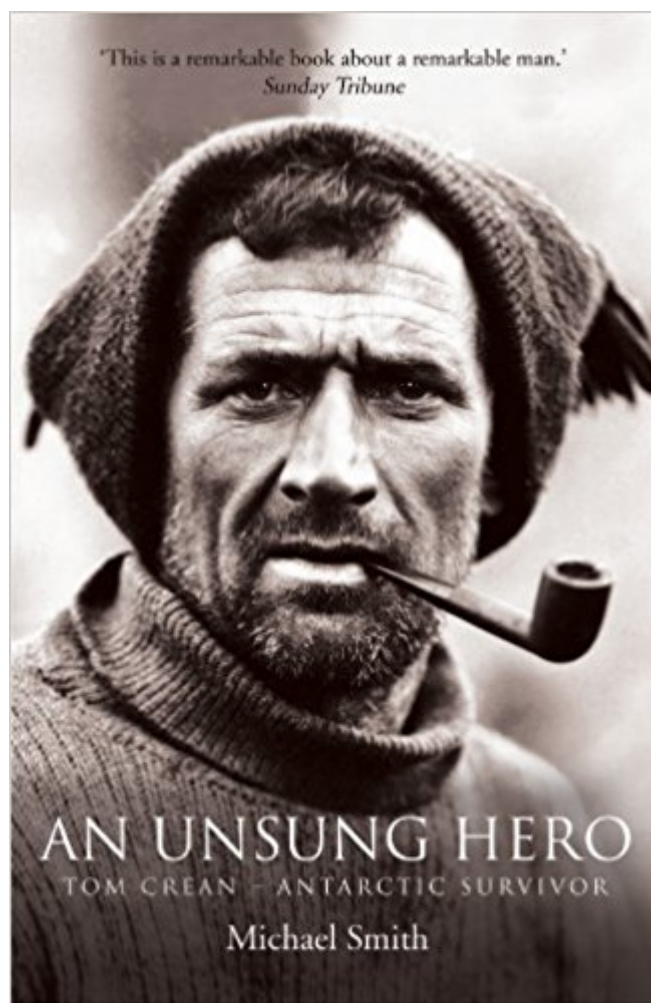


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An Unsung Hero: Tom Crean - Antarctic Survivor



Synopsis

This is the story of the remarkable Tom Crean who ran away to sea aged fifteen and played a memorable role in Antarctic exploration. He spent more time in the unexplored Antarctic than Scott or Shackleton, and was one of the few to serve and outlive both. An unforgettable story of triumph over unparalleled hardship and deprivation

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A remarkable book about a remarkable man. Sunday Tribune Michael Smith has written a splendid biography. The Nautical Magazine The epic struggles, heroics and the unbelievable hardships of the voyages are wonderfully told. The Irish Times A must for anyone interested in polar exploration. County Examiner Wonderful Kiplingesque yarn about a great Irishman who didn't have to die to become a hero. Irish Independent Chosen by Aviva Stadium Director Martin Murphy as his favourite book - Sunday Times

Michael Smith, a former journalist, is an established authority on Polar exploration. His other books are I Am Just Going Outside, a biography of Captain Oates (2002), Polar Crusader about Sir James Wordie (2004), Tom Crean - An Illustrated Life (2006) and Captain Francis Crozier - Last Man Standing? (2006). Michael has also written two books for children, Tom Crean - Ice Man and Shackleton - The Boss. He contributes to TV and radio documentaries and lectures on Polar history.

Tremendous read. I felt their pain of dehydration and starvation not to mention the severe climate. I

might have lasted 5 minutes in them conditions. Tom Crean was a uniquely special man. I vacationed in Kerry and Dingle and stayed in Anniscaul. Thanks for the gripping history and powerful descriptions of the explorers and terrain and lastly the deplorable living conditions.

A good book for the winter time fun great adventures. Great how his the trip to south pole was guided by fear and uncertain outcome. The man who was able to take the trip to Antarctica was able to take care of all of his crew men and made sure to take care of the living expenses and loyal rewards that comes from such adventure. He lives to enjoy raising his family and the going of his friends.

Probably the most amazing adventure story I have read. About a man with such strength of character, and body that not even the worst weather and physical hardship could daunt or even dent his spirit. Also an interesting look at the great age of Antarctic exploration from a different point of view - not just the exploits of the leaders and/or the expedition as a whole, but a much more personal story. For some our parents or grandparents will have told us of their excitement and interest at the time of these expeditions. For the young, what an inspiring story of adventure - and real-life too!

After reading about Ernest Shackleton and his incredible experiences it became obvious I needed to follow with reading about the man who was with him in most of his adventures: Thomas Crean. This is a good read about Tom Crean's heroic life. Every bit as dynamic and interesting as Shackleton.

Tom Crean was one tough SOB! What a man he was, as described by Micheal Smith, and what a life he lived!

Book is plainly but interestingly written. Openly gushing regarding Crean but not inaccurately. Events are described vividly but without excessive flourish. Reads more like good journalism than ambitious literature; that's refreshing for most readers, I think, with an interest in exploration histories. I thoroughly enjoyed!

Truly an unsung hero. I read this book after seeing a performance about his life in Dublin. How many unsung men of note have there been in history? Many more than I think most of us realize. Recommended.

A story of a true hero. Turned away from the fame that wanted to follow him in his native home. I'm sure his mind turned to the white vista that he made home until the day he died.

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