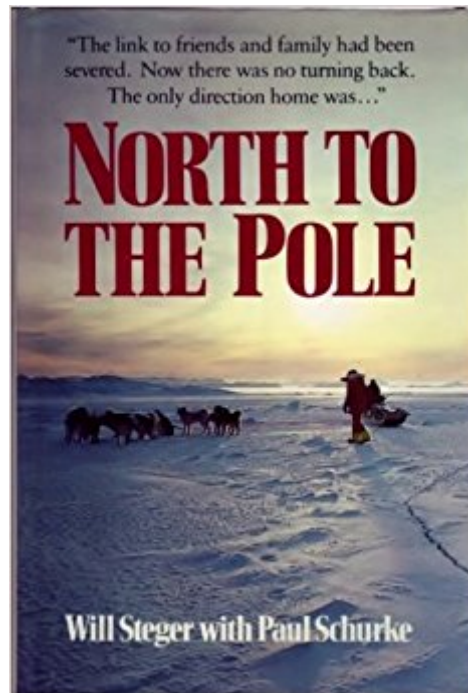




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YA Technological advances may have made for a shrinking planet, and once- inaccessible places are no longer as remote as they used to be, but the North Pole still retains its allure. In 1986, the Steger International Polar Expedition, comprised of seven men and one woman, started for the pole with 3 tons of supplies, pulled by dogsled and human muscle; 55 days later, they reached the North Pole. North to the Pole is the story of not only those 55 days, but also of the planning and preparation that went into the expedition. It is also the story of the expedition members themselves and of the spirit and will power that drives people onward over terrain so treacherous that an entire day's march could cover as little as one and a half miles. That the spirit of adventure and human determination are alive and well is the message of this book. In the face of that, it seems almost superfluous to say also that North to the Pole is a well-written and well-paced book, as entertaining as it is informative. Karl Penny, Houston Public Library Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc.

In a deliberate throwback to the days of the early Arctic explorers, "our goal was to accomplish the first confirmed 'unsupported' journey to the pole." And so after three years of preparation, seven men, one woman, and forty-nine sled dogs set off from northern Canada on the fifty-five day

journey. This collective journal not only chronicles their achievement, but reveals the marketing of adventure via mass communications. Under the sponsorship of the National Geographic Society, the expedition was both a cover story for National Geographic and a TV documentary. Brand name testimonials and media events for sponsors often become the story itself. Jerry Maioli, Western Lib. Network, Olympia, Wash. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc.

There are too few adventurers left. Will Serger and expedition crew chose to take on a challenge that few would dare or consider. preparation for such a challenge can only take you so far. One must be able to think on one's feet to overcome obstacles along the way. This book chronicles such feats. it is a good read for both the armchair adventurer and the wannabe adventurer.

I have read this book/story twice now..and look forward to reading it again very soon...an incredible tale...true story...about just how far a person..can push oneself and survive!

great book lots of little details that you thought you didnt care about until you kept reading.

I'm enjoying this book very much. Steger includes things like dealing with the press, finding sponsorships and wierd ethical questions ("what should we do with the body if one of us dies?!?") I was afraid it might be slow reading but it is not--he's a very good writer without being verbose.

I wanted this book since I purchased Across Antarctica some time ago. They are a pair.

This book gives you a real feeling of what it's like to be in the Arctic, trying to reach the North Pole. The feeling of intense cold is particularly well rendered, by one who lived through it. Under conditions of intense cold, even the simplest action, such as attaching velcro strips of gloves to one another, takes so much "warm up" action and so much focused attention -- and if you fail, you've got to start all over again with running around in circles or jumping up and down in order to warm up your fingertips enough to allow you to perform small actions such as attaching velcro strips to one another. A very worthwhile read, even if you never intend to visit the Arctic under these conditions.

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