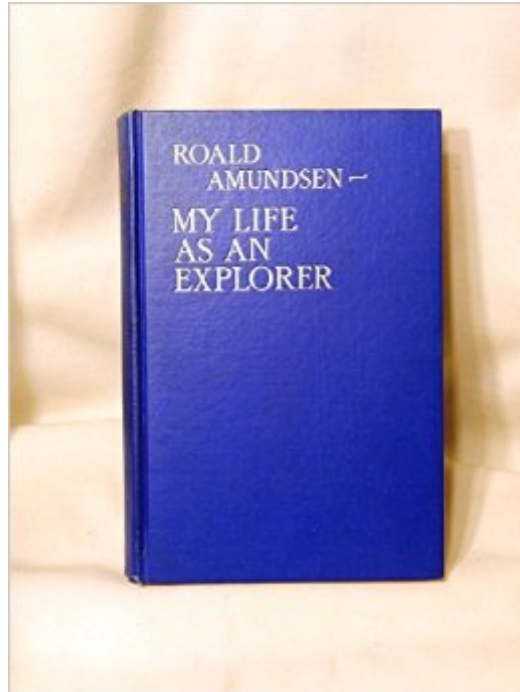


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If you are a lover of exploration than Roald Amundsen has to be one of your heroes. This is not a lengthy book but it gives many facts not found in the other accounts of his explorations. This book is brief in it's coverage of the discovery of the Northwest Passage, his dash to the South Pole and his air flights and the dirigible flight, Norge over the North Pole. Amundsen knew how to prepare for success and this set him apart from so many of his competitors. His preparations for the South Pole expedition compared to Scott give no doubt as to why he made so easily. Much of this book is written about the Norge flight with the Italian, Nobile. There was much hard feeling in this event and Amundsen takes up much of this story in setting the record straight about Nobile's ineffectiveness and trouble making during most of this flight. Yet in spite of his harsh comments about Nobile, he is gracious to all other explorers like, Scott, Perry, Cook and so many others. The main theme of this short book, however, is the great insight it will give you as to why Amundsen succeeded in everything he did. He studied, he prepared, he read, he experimented with equipment and he selected capable people to be his on his team. This is a good add-on if you have read other accounts of his explorations. He was truly a great man.

Amundsen has written a good, high-level account of his life's work exploring the world's polar regions. After reading this you'll no doubt have an appetite to read more about his expeditions. The chapter on the trans-Arctic flight of the "Norge" detracts somewhat as it is more a criticism of Umberto Nobile than an account of that expedition.

Very interesting book. I purchased it for my 95 year old mother that actually met Roald Amundsen in her home when she was a young girl. I would have loved to had pictures in the book but it didn't

advertise this so I wouldn't say that it is less liked because of this. My mother is really enjoying reading Roald Amundsen's accounts of his life.

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