





## NEWS FROM THE SENIOR IRC

What's new on the shelf?

### **Amundsen's Way: the race to the South Pole - Joanna Grochowicz**

*"How will history view Roald Amundsen? Will he be remembered for his daring deeds, his discipline, or merely his deception?"*

*Bold, secretive and utterly uncompromising, renowned Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen will stop at nothing to execute his latest plan - to be first to reach the southernmost point on the globe. Haunted by the prospect of his rival Captain Scott scooping the prize, Amundsen pushes himself and his men beyond the bounds of human experience and ever deeper into the Antarctic unknown, where penetrating cold and uncharted obstacles reign supreme. The stakes are high, Skis and dogs will lend him speed. But can he count on his men's loyalty to the very end?"*

'**Amundsen's Way**' written by Joanna Grochowicz is an epic story of courage and determination, of deception and triumph, and of man's quest to explore the unknown. It tells the true story of Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen and his expedition to be the first person to reach the South Pole. Thrilling, exciting and suspenseful, this wonderful novel gives the reader real insight into this history making event, describing in incredible detail not only the types of animals and equipment used but also the many dangers threats and trials that they faced along the way. Roald Amundsen is a fascinating protagonist, brave and committed but also flawed. The author describes him as he really was, warts and all. His dangerous obsession to beat rival explorer Captain Scott to the Pole, as well as his frequent use of deception and deceit to get ahead, makes him a much more interesting and complex character. The men who travelled with Amundsen are also wonderfully described, from the superstitious Cook Adolf Lindstrom to troubled former army captain Hjalmar Johansen each is different and unique. Seeing them overcome their differences and work together to succeed despite incredible obstacles will bring great joy to all readers.

The Antarctic with its many dangers and treacherous conditions provides real tension and suspense to the story. Readers will feel the terrible cold and hear the ghoulish howling wind as they read along and follow Amundsen's journey.

'**Amundsen's Way**' is a great novel that will be loved by many readers. Fast paced and atmospheric, this is an adventure that will stay with you long after you have finished reading. The book also contains many historic black and white photos of the real men, providing a constant

reminder that despite being an almost unbelievable tale, it all really happened.

### **IRC Crossword - Term 2 Competition**

*Across: 2 Author of Young Sherlock Holmes Series*

*7 Home of Bilbo and Frodo Baggins*

*Down: 3 Name of the Hogwarts gamekeeper*

*4 Title of the book found at 623.88 ADA*

Test your library and literary knowledge by attempting to complete the IRC Crossword! How many squares can you fill in? How many answers will you uncover? A number of students have already solved the crossword and have won great prizes, will you be the next winner?

Entry forms can be found on the Library front desk. A book prize will be awarded to all students who successfully complete the crossword!

### **Overdue notices**

Overdue notices have been sent out. If any students require a printed list of their loans please speak to Mrs Comiskey or Mr Smith.

Students who do not return their books after receiving their third notice as well as an email will be invoiced for a replacement copy.

All invoices will still stand if books are returned after this final date.

If you have any problems or questions regarding overdue books please speak to Mrs Comiskey or Mr Smith who will be happy to help.

**Mrs Annette Comiskey & Mr Michael Smith**

Senior IRC Library Team

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