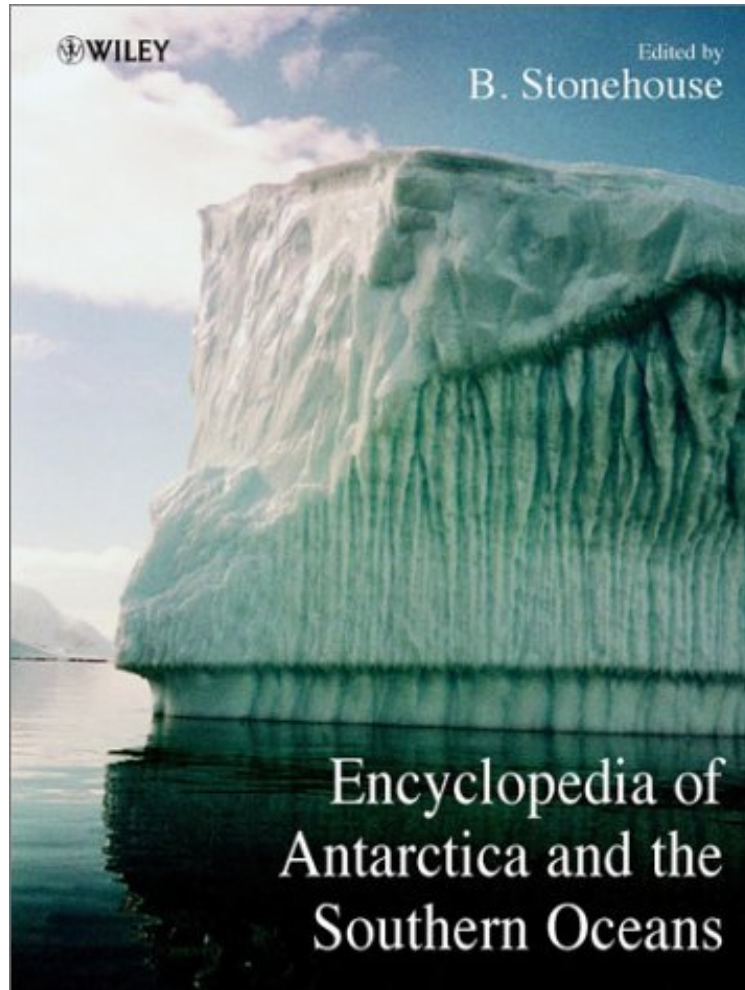


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the station some 15 miles to the east of it's actual location. The map for McDonald Islands is just plain fanciful the shape of McDonald Islands bares no resemblance to reality. Looking at the entry for Macquarie Island the map notes that the island is known as "Maquairi" Island. Hasselborough Bay has become "Hasselburg Bay." How many more errors? A much better buy would be a combined purchase of Trewby's Antarctica encyclopedia with Hince's The Antarctic Dictionary, at less than a quarter of the price of Stonehouse.

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