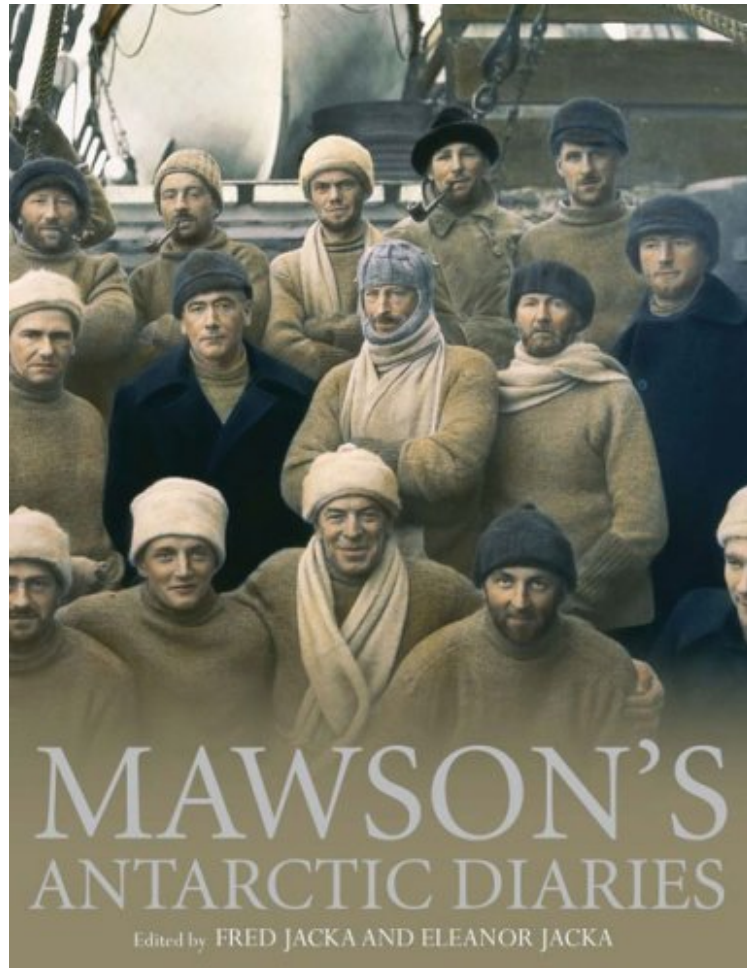


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Sir Douglas Mawson, Australia's greatest Antarctic explorer, made four trips to the Antarctic during his long and storied career. He traveled south in 1907 with Shackleton's British Antarctic Expedition; in 1911 as leader of the Australasian Antarctic expedition; and twice between 1929 and 1931 as leader of the British, Australian, and New Zealand Antarctic Research Expedition. Gathered here are Mawson's diaries from each of these four trips, volumes which provide an intimate perspective on the stress and conflicts inherent to each journey, their achievements and failures, joys and tragedies. Gripping and unrestrained, this is a revealing look at one of history's most daring adventurers.

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