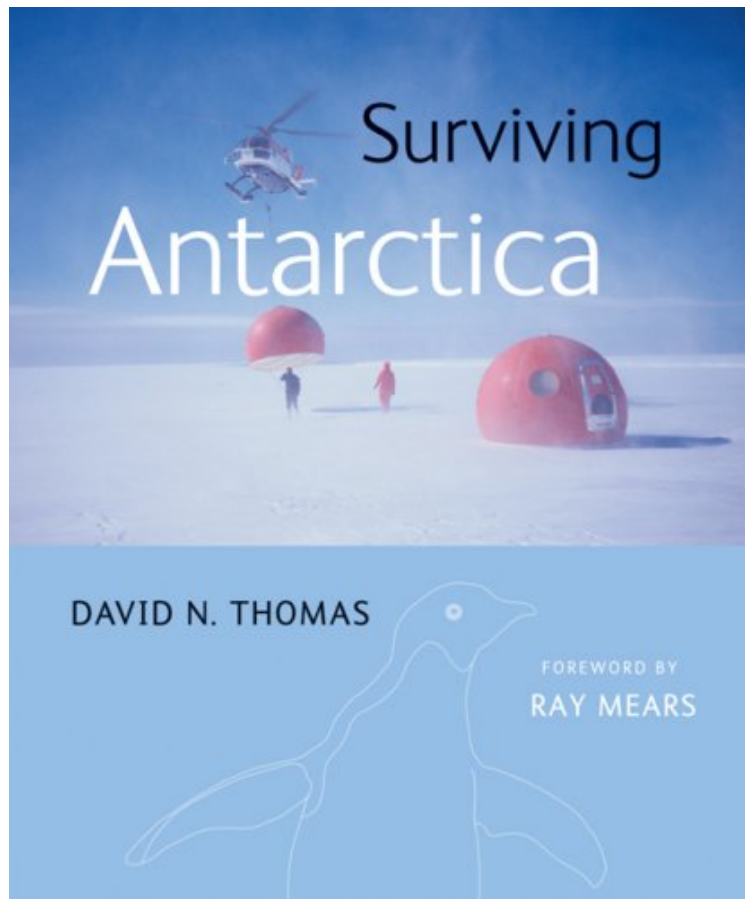


(Read free ebook) Surviving Antarctica

Surviving Antarctica

David Thomas

*ePub | *DOC | audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF*



DOWNLOAD



+

READ ONLINE

#4295016 in Books Firefly Books 2007-08-17Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 11.00 x .63 x 9.13l, 1.53
#File Name: 155407294896 pages | File size: 66.Mb

David Thomas : Surviving Antarctica before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Surviving Antarctica:

"We have been endlessly digging snow, which rapidly builds up at the doorways. This is a very important job as we don't want to get trapped in the buildings if there is a fire, one of the biggest risks down here." -- blog entry, Surviving Antarctica Marine biologist David N. Thomas, a veteran visitor to the icy continent, recounts the hardships (and pleasures) he and his colleagues encountered as they worked in Antarctica. Surviving Antarctica is the compelling story of the daily lives of Antarctic residents: scientists, technicians and researchers who work and live there for months at a time. The book's five sections describe a working trip to the polar south through lively text plus blog excerpts, anecdotes, and dozens of color photographs and maps. The reader learns, for example, what the Antarctic worker must pack (and that everything -- including human waste -- must be carried out); that icebergs are made of freshwater, not seawater; and that the Antarctic snow is more similar to free-flying polystyrene chips than to the sticky

stuff we know. Along with stories about daily life in what he calls "Earth's beautiful south," Thomas weaves the history of Antarctic research stations with descriptions of vegetation, animal life, geology, glaciology and sea life. He concludes with a balanced discussion on climate change and Antarctica's uncertain future.

About the Author David N. Thomas is a member of the International Glaciology Society who specializes in the study of Antarctic sea ice. An associate professor in the School of Ocean Sciences at the University of Wales (Bangor), he is widely published in professional journals and is also the coauthor of several books, including *Biology of Polar Regions*. Ray Mears is a survival expert, author and television host. He teaches courses in wilderness and arctic survival.