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Amundsen

A fresh look at the Antarctic expedition

September 1912, and Roald Amundsen is at the height of his career. Less than a year earlier he reached the South Pole and beat Robert Falcon Scott in a dramatic race. Now, the victory will be crowned. He is about to give his first lecture in front of a full house at the World Theatre, with the king and the entire Norwegian elite present. But why is there an empty seat in the front row? And why is it so hard to enjoy the excitement of the crowd? Amundsen. A Novel tells the story of the famous polar expedition with a fresh look, closely following the events the way they actually unfolded. Through the eyes of Roald the reader gets a close encounter with the enormous obstacles the men had to overcome in order to reach the finishing line, the landscape being a minor one. The novel also investigates the price that comes with fame. After his return, when he is about to embark on his tour of lectures, Roald starts to lose control of his own story. What actually happened?

«The novel is well told, its strongest parts depicting the hardships during the journey towards the Pole. Ytreberg's writing is at times an utter enjoyment, and you can't help but think it's almost unimaginable how someone voluntarily projected themselves to such ordeals and persevered.» - Adressavisen

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