

ANTARCTIC ADVENTURE

Crossing the Frozen Continent

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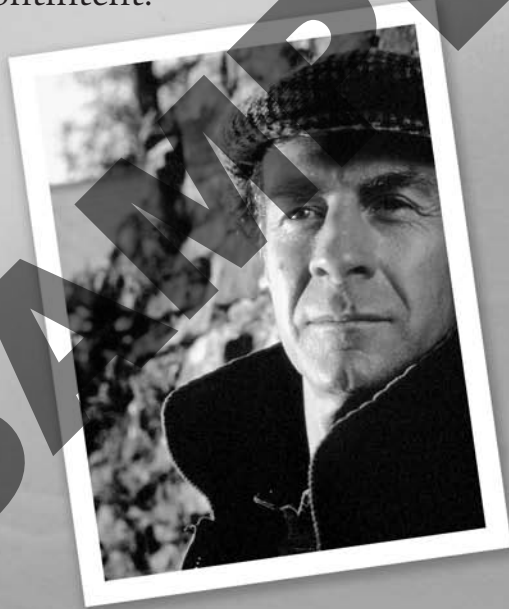
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Introduction

On November 9, 1992, a **ski plane** dropped Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Dr. Mike Stroud at the edge of Antarctica. It left them in the sweeping whiteness of the world's fifth largest continent, home to 90 percent of the world's ice and boasting the highest average elevation of any continent.



The explorer, Sir Ranulph Fiennes



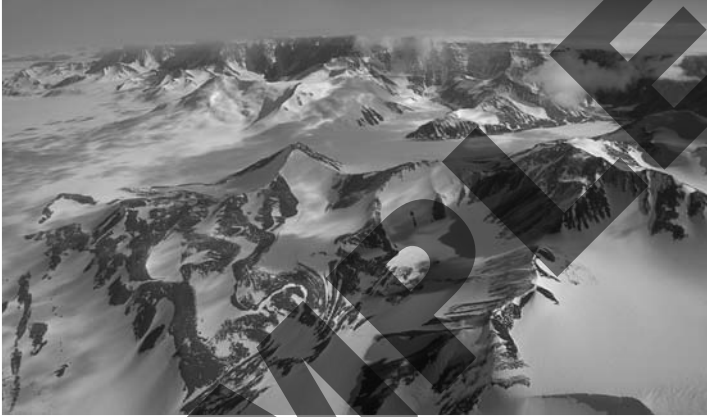
*Dr. Mike Stroud, who accompanied
Sir Ranulph on a trek across Antarctica*

This is the true, terrifying tale of the first attempt to cross Antarctica, without help of any kind. No dogs. No rescue planes on standby. No food or equipment drops. Just two men, their overloaded sleds, and their desire to be the first!

CHAPTER

1

Full to Bursting



The Antarctic landscape

Have you ever seen ice crack and drift out to sea? Have you ever seen **crevasses** wider than houses open up in front of you? Have you ever had **snow blindness**? You might if you were in Antarctica, the wildest, most dangerous – not to mention the coldest – place on Earth. One wrong step, one unlucky move, and it's over.