



The Nansen Photographs

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- Experience a legendary historic Arctic expedition hands-on: Original photos and diary entries will make you shiver, tremble and marvel with excitement
- A triumph of modern science: the Fram's voyage into the arctic ice co-founded the discipline of oceanography and revolutionised the way future expeditions were organised and run
- 2022 marks the centenary of the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Fridtjof Nansen for his commitment to refugees and stateless people
- Geir O. Kløver was awarded the prestigious 2022 William Mills Prize for Non-Fiction Polar Books for **The Nansen Photographs**

"An extraordinary tale of derring-do told in a mesmerising new book via fascinating archive pictures – and worthy of a Hollywood movie too."— **Daily Mail**

"A new book showcasing them all is a fascinating read... The care and dedication that has gone into The Nansen Photographs is obvious."— **Amateur Photographer**

"This epic tome, lovingly and painstakingly put together by Geir O Kløver, director of the Fram Museum in Oslo, recounts this expedition using original photos and diary entries."— **Black and White**

Photography

In the late 19th century, the Norwegian Arctic explorer Fridtjof Nansen undertook a pioneering expedition: he wanted to reach the North Pole with the specially designed ship **Fram**. **The Nansen Photographs** recounts this expedition, from the launch in 1890 through to the end of Nansen's international lecture tour in 1897, using original photographs alongside personal diary entries from Nansen and seven of his crew members. Together, they illustrate in a poignant and sometimes disconcerting way how the expedition members went about their daily lives and conducted their research, the conflicts they faced, and how they ultimately brought their daring undertaking to its successful conclusion.

This book brings new life to previously known facts and introduces the reader to hundreds of previously unknown photographs from the expedition. The large format of the book brings the smaller details in the photographs to the forefront, providing new insight into the work and life on board, the equipment and the clothing.

Opposing diary entries from Nansen and the men about the same situations show that life on board was not always easy and tell a gripping story of survival and the human condition. Nansen's lack of empathy and practical skills caused frustration among the men, and several of them resorted to fists to sort out their differences, but nonetheless they all pulled through and set a new standard for arctic expeditions to come.

When Nansen leaves the ship for his legendary 18 month journey with Hjalmar Johansen towards the North Pole, we follow both Nansen and Johansen and the crew left on board through their photographs and diaries. The return to Norway and the spectacular celebration is told in detail through photographs, newspaper reports, speeches, menus and ephemera.

This stunning 712-page book comes with an illustrated dustjacket and contains 850 photographs and illustrations, 35 ship drawings and 25 maps.

Geir O. Kløver is the director of the Fram Museum in Oslo and author, co-author and editor of a number of books on polar expeditions. A contributor to several travelling exhibitions on polar history, he has given lectures on most of the continents — including the Arctic and Antarctic. Not only does the Fram Museum house the original ship from Fridtjof Nansen's expeditions, the building was also comprehensively modernised under Kløver's management and was honoured with the prestigious THEA Award for Outstanding Achievement in 2020.

