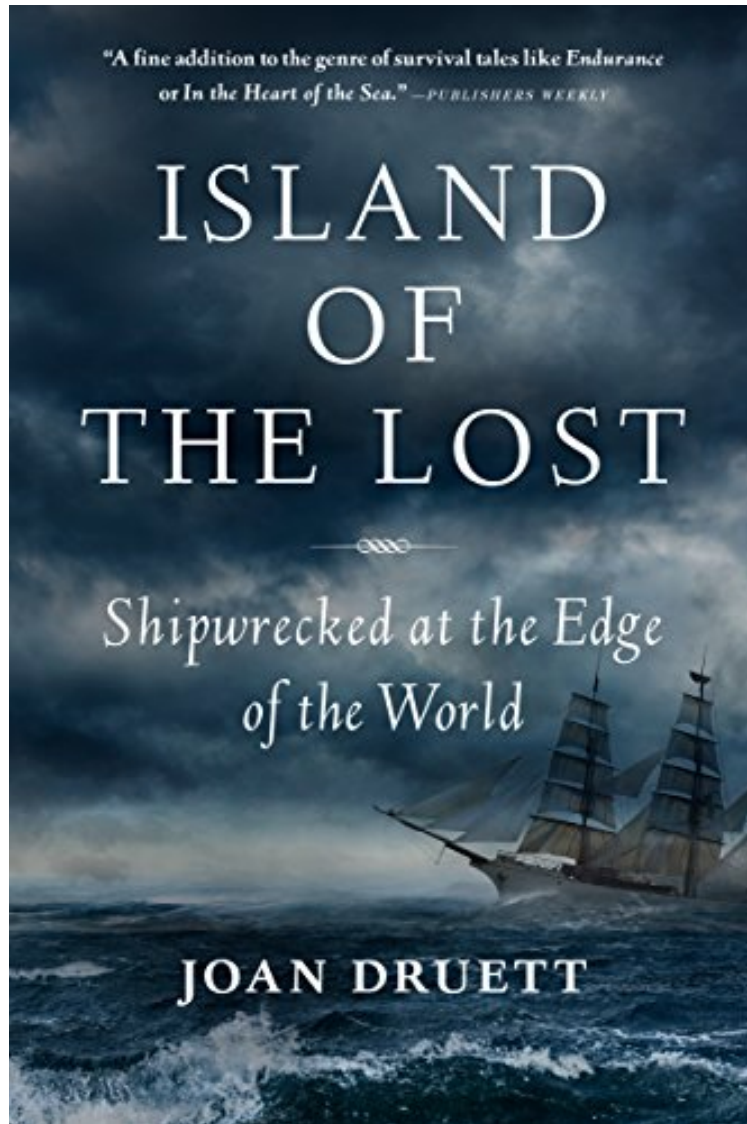


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Fantastic storyVon SimonFantastic true story, more realistic and more dramatic than a fictional story could be. Contains just the

right amount of background information, explanations, speculation and interactions between the characters, and kept me reading and reading to find out what happened next.

Kurzbeschreibung Auckland Island is a godforsaken place in the middle of the Southern Ocean, 285 miles south of New Zealand. With year-round freezing rain and howling winds, it is one of the most forbidding places in the world. To be shipwrecked there means almost certain death. In 1864 Captain Thomas Musgrave and his crew of four aboard the schooner Grafton wreck on the southern end of the island. Utterly alone in a dense coastal forest, plagued by stinging blowflies and relentless rain, Captain Musgrave rather than succumb to this dismal fate inspires his men to take action. With barely more than their bare hands, they build a cabin and, remarkably, a forge, where they manufacture their tools. Under Musgrave's leadership, they band together and remain civilized through even the darkest and most terrifying days. Incredibly, at the same time on the opposite end of the island twenty miles of impassable cliffs and chasms away the Invercauld wrecks during a horrible storm. Nineteen men stagger ashore. Unlike Captain Musgrave, the captain of the Invercauld falls apart given the same dismal circumstances. His men fight and split up; some die of starvation, others turn to cannibalism. Only three survive. Musgrave and all of his men not only endure for nearly two years, they also plan their own astonishing escape, setting off on one of the most courageous sea voyages in history. Using the survivors' journals and historical records, award-winning maritime historian Joan Druett brings this extraordinary untold story to life, a story about leadership and the fine line between order and chaos.

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The amount of detail the author has amassed is truly impressive, resulting in an invaluable account of survival." "Swashbuckling maritime history... Stormy seas become epic events." "Fascinating . . . a surprisingly gripping tale that will leave readers amazed. Grade: A." -- Rocky Mountain News "An "amazing saga . . . Rarely are the two opposing sides of human nature captured in such stark and illuminating relief." -- Seattle Post-Intelligencer "One of the finest survival stories I've read. . . . [Druett's] tale is backed up by a solid knowledge of sailing ships and of the flora, fauna and weather of Auckland Island, an inhospitable terrain that has defied attempts at human settlement and is now a wildlife preserve." -- Seattle Times "A riveting study of the extremes of human nature and the effects of good (and bad) leadership. . . . If the southern part of Auckland Island is all Robinson Crusoe, the northern part is more Lord of the Flies. . . . Druett is an able and thorough guide to the minutiae of castaway life . . . [She] shows that real leadership is rare and powerful." -- The New York Times Book "This story goes reality TV a few steps better. . . . A clear morality tale about the pitfalls of rigidity and the benefits of adaptability and cooperation. . . . Druett, who has written other works of nautical history and a maritime mystery series, wisely lets the details make the point, resisting the temptation to oversell. Her writing style is clear and detached, her touch just right. . . . The power of the crews' divergent stories . . . propels the narrative like a trade wind." -- L.A. Times "In early 1864, heading back to Australia after a failed mining expedition, the crew of the "Grafton" encountered a violent storm and found themselves shipwrecked in the Auckland Islands, off the coast of New Zealand. Druett, a maritime historian ("In the Wake of Madness"), draws upon the journals of the ship's captain, Thomas Musgrave and prospector Francois Raynal to reveal how the crew pulled together and made the best of their circumstances for nearly two years. By contrast, when the Invercauld ran aground on the other side of the island months later--beyond an impassable mountain range, and hence unaware they were not alone--the surviving sailors quickly began eating their dead crewmates out of desperation. Soon, only three remained, the ineffectual captain and another officer being kept alive by a resourceful seaman. Druett tells the two stories in strict chronological order, allowing readers to become familiar with the Grafton party before weaving the Invercauld survivors into the narrative. She zeroes in on the salient details of their ordeals, identifying the plants that kept the castaways from contracting scurvy or sketching out an improvised recipe for soap with equal aplomb. This is a fine addition to the genre of survival tales like Endurance or In the Heart of the Sea." "A compelling fact-upon-fact style that lets the men's incremental accomplishments and unlikely survival supply the drama." -- News Observer "The amount of detail the author has amassed is truly impressive, resulting in an invaluable account of survival." -- George Cohen

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