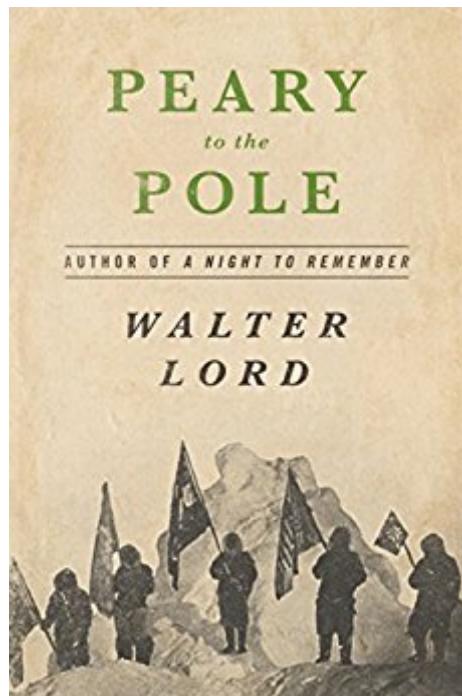


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Synopsis

The story of explorer Robert E. Pearyâ™s quest for the North Pole, a true Arctic adventure from the #1 New York Timesâ “bestselling author of *A Night to Remember*. Â On March 1, 1909, only 413 miles of formidable ice separated Robert E. Peary from realizing his lifelong dream of becoming the first man to set foot on the North Pole. On that dark morning on Canadaâ™s Ellesmere Island, it was cold enough to freeze a bottle of brandy. The ice looked solid enough, but it sat atop seawaterâ and shifted violently according to the whims of the ocean below. Â Peary was used to the conditionsâ “heâ™d barely survived them just three years before when he first tried, and failed, to reach the earthâ™s northernmost point. But this time around, no amount of peril could dissuade Peary and his party from their expedition. With a cry of “Forward, march!â the journey of a lifetime began. Â Written with thrilling detail and heart-pounding suspense by the author of *Day of Infamy* and other bestselling histories, *Peary to the Pole* is the definitive account of one manâ™s trek through some of the worldâ™s most treacherous terrain, in search of adventure, discovery, and immortality, a classic for readers of books like *In the Kingdom of Ice* or *The Last Place on Earth*. Â

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Robert Peary spent a lifetime attempting to reach the North Pole. From each of his failures he learned a bit more, making each attempt more and more likely to succeed. Not only did he have to worry about extreme cold, he had to coordinate Eskimo's, dog sled teams and provisions. This massive undertaking finally succeeded. However, upon his return he learned that another man, Dr. Cook, was claiming that he had reached the North Pole nearly a year earlier. This book was very well written and engaging. It was written in a storytelling fashion rather than a dry recitation of facts and details. Since reading the book I have been reading about the controversy of who reached the North Pole first, which I find to be fascinating. This is a quick read, one I think teenagers could enjoy. It might even serve to spark a desire for adventure and exploration in young readers.

This book is written in a straight non fiction title, which can make it hard to get into. However, that should not deter readers from trying, especially if you are interested in arctic exploration. Walter Lord has written a compelling account of Peary's stubbornness and determination to be the first man to reach the North Pole. The style is basic without elaborating, which left me wanting more, but the story is clearly and succinctly told and compelling enough to keep the reader (or me, at least) engaged and wanting to find out what happens next. Anyone who wants to learn about the early days of arctic exploration should read this book.

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