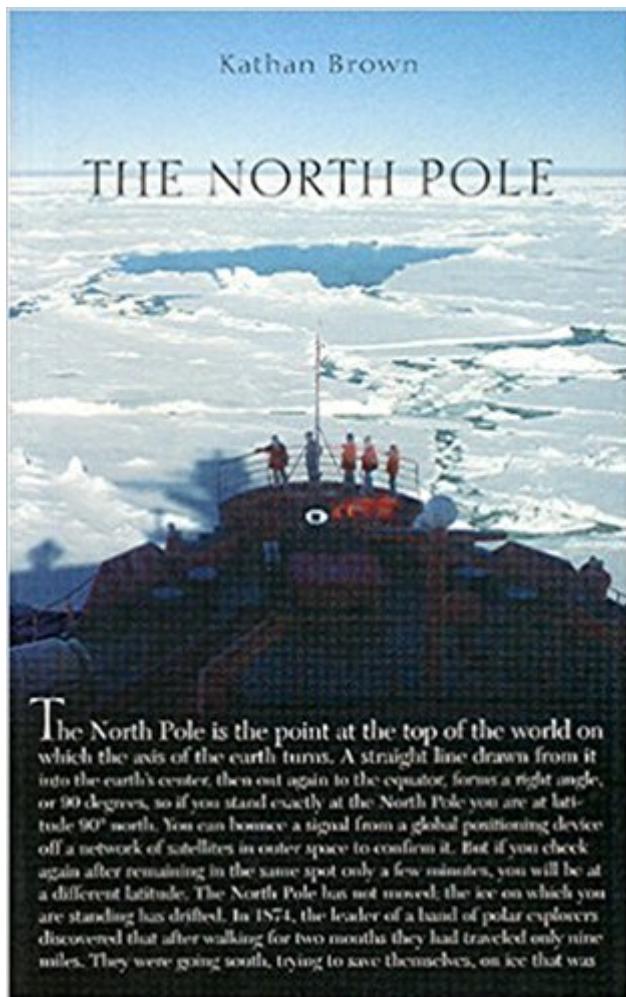


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Synopsis

Cultural Writing. Travel. THE NORTH POLE is a compelling account of a summer trip the author made to the North Pole on a Russian nuclear-powered icebreaker. Brown intersperses her narrative with excerpts from the journal of Fritdjof Nansen, who explored the area a hundred years ago, and with conversations with travelers, scientists, and a polar archivist about ideas concerning the Arctic that affect the world today, including the issue of global warming. In the chapter called "The Weather," Brown delivers a clear, accessible, scientifically accurate description of the complex phenomena that cause climate change. Lushly produced, with a foldout map and 120 full-color photographs.

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Kathan Brown is an artist, writer, printer, and entrepreneur who founded Crown Point Press, publishers of artists' etchings, in the San Francisco Bay Area in 1962. Kathan Brown is the author of six books, the most recent of which is *Magical Secrets About Thinking Creatively: The Art of Etching and the Truth of Life* (Crown Point/Prestel 2006).

Very well-written, with excellent photo sections that illustrate previous written sections. Chapters alternate between gripping diaries of early historic explorers, the author's own North Pole experience on a nuclear-powered Russian ice breaking ship, and lively interviews with scientists who study the arctic and global climate.

Kathan Brown's, The North Pole, is a unique and profound book. The interweaving of present, past and (potential) future, create an ephemeral sense of time and place. Brown's direct documentary style allows the reader to draw their own conclusions, to participate and experience for themselves the layers of metaphor that abound in this unique journey. The reader traverses the terrain of the physical and the ethereal, the dark and the light, the unknown and the known, the beautiful and the terrifying. Blocks of wonderful color photos interlace with the structured sections of Brown's journey account, the journal excerpts of early explorer, Fridtjof Nansen, (unbelievable!) and the conversations Brown records with fellow travelers, scientists, and naturalists. This book is simply, yet brilliantly, organized. It is beautiful. It evokes a sense of vast spaciousness and wonder and raises provocative haunting questions regarding the future of the planet. It is a gem!

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