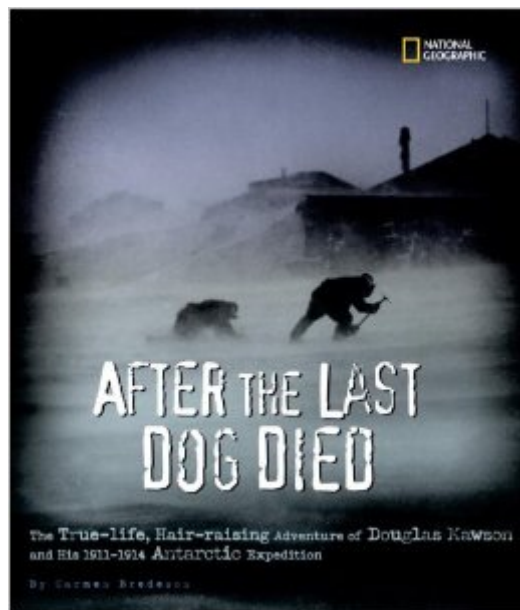


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# After The Last Dog Died : The True-Life, Hair-Raising Adventure Of Douglas Mawson's 1912 Antarctic Expedition



## Synopsis

Survival against the odds, a clipper ship, Ernest Shackleton, the south magnetic pole, Antarctic science, a puppy named Blizzard, and a young woman named Paquita all play roles in this compelling profile of Australia's most famous Antarctic explorer. Carmen Bredeson presents the life of Sir Douglas Mawson from his early fascination with geology to his adventures in Antarctica with Shackleton's leading up to a gripping account of his own scientific expedition to study uncharted parts of the continent. Tension mounts as Mawson sets out from base camp with a small team . . . suffers the loss of his men, dogs, and supplies . . . battles torturous cold with makeshift shelter, little food, and failing body . . . and ultimately—but just barely—makes it back to camp alive. This spellbinding adventure will keep kids turning pages!

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## Customer Reviews

Polar exploration aside, This is a MUST for dog lovers or parents who want their child to have one but can't. The photo on page 30 of little Blizzard, the mascot of the tragic expedition, is astounding. It is like a picture of a dog saint, which the little fellow probably was.... might enlist the publisher, National Geographic, to get going with sepia posters and stuffed toys (but only the finest-made, please) because this is a dog unlike any other. My bro has an old print of a mutt with his head in a

bandage and a "please kill me" expression, which I guess was how one was to think of dogs a long time ago. Blizzard is a whole 'nother pup. He is fat, like more and more of us, but with doggie devotion and perhaps foreknowledge. On top of that, this is a wonderful book, something for anyone of any age. An excellent introduction to polar exploration, Aussies, heroism, puppies.

received this book quickly and in great condition thanks to great packing. Book was exactly what we needed to replace a lost school book. Thanks!

Five stars is not enough for *After the Last Dog Died*. I read it several years ago, but kept thinking of it while I was reading *The Impossible Rescue* by Martin Sandler. The stories are almost opposite (geographically and humanly) true survival stories. The two events actually happened within 20 years of each other. It is amazing that exploration continued after news of these horrifying events became known. While *The Impossible Rescue* is all about teamwork, in *After The Last Dog Died*, Australian explorer Douglas Mawson thought he could lead a small expedition of the outer reaches of Antarctica on his own. It was going badly from the beginning and turned into a disaster when one of the men fell down a steep crevasse and took the sled filled with their food with him. The photos and primary source quotes bring the desperation and fear of Mawson and his partner to the reader. The reader and Mawson know that things are not going to end well. Blizzard, a sled puppy that traveled with the sled dogs, should have been awarded whatever the Australian version of the purple heart is. Although *After the Last Dog Died* is classified as a children's story, all readers will be spellbound. Younger readers may even find the story too realistic. *After the Last Dog Died* is National Geographic at its best.

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