



The Ice Balloon: S. A. Andree and the Heroic Age of Arctic Exploration (Paperback)

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VINTAGE, 2013. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. In 1897, at the height of the heroic age of Arctic exploration, the visionary Swedish explorer S. A. Andree made a revolutionary attempt to discover the North Pole by flying over it in a hydrogen balloon. Thirty-three years later, his expedition diaries and papers would be discovered on the ice. Alec Wilkinson uses the explorer's papers and contemporary sources to tell the full story of this ambitious voyage, while also showing how the late 19th century's spirit of exploration and scientific discovery drove over 1,000 explorers to the unforgiving Arctic landscape. Suspenseful and haunting, Wilkinson captures Andree's remarkable adventure and illuminates the detail, beauty, and devastating conditions of traveling and dwelling on the ice.



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