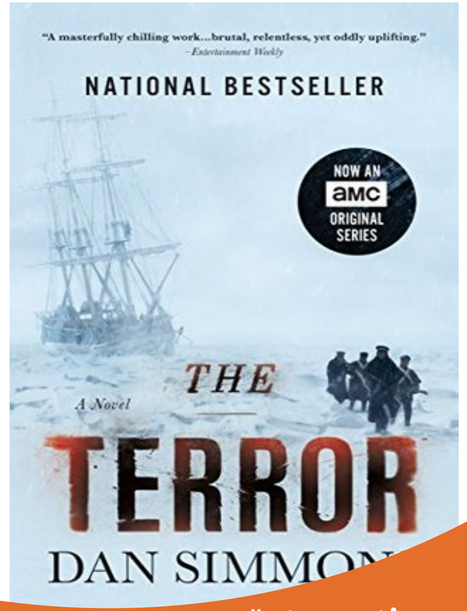


THE TERROR
by
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Fiction (Historical/Horror), Adult

The Terror is a retelling of the last Franklin expedition to find the northwest passage.The book has also been made into a successful and scary TV show (NO Spoilers! I have not seen the show yet). The terror falls right into one of my favorite genres of historically accurate thrillers! The book covers the expeditions of both the Erebus and Terror as the ships try to find the northwest passage. The whole expedition seems poorly planned as they left too late and with not enough food, weak steam engines, and irrelevant things like a set of formal dishes for the officers. I did come to learn this seems to be almost the norm for these expeditions.

The book does shift points of view between various crew members and officers on both ships. I love some of the characters and their perspectives. Some of the crew are absolute monsters and their perspective is horrifying. Others are just so out of touch it feels like they got what they deserved (Franklin).

While the men of the two ships face constant darkness and below zero temperatures with a dwindling food supply, a monstrous, otherworldly polar bear toys with both crews, hunting and devouring them in total darkness. Even as the men of the Eberus and Terror endure this monster's attack they also deal with the monsters their shipmates become as scurvy and starvation drive each man to desperate behaviors. Yes, I am reviewing another book about cannibalism.

The only person who seems to have some idea of what this monster is and how to survive the ice is a First Nations woman with no tongue and a suspicious polar bear totem the crew has named Lady Silence. She appears to be waiting on something and it might be the monster on the ice. The Terror is an incredibly engaging and vivid book where almost every character dies and the ending is almost assured to not be a happy one and will become one of my yearly winter reads.

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