

The White Darkness

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From the Arctic to the Antarctic, with the incomparable McCaughrean. I don't know many writers of any kind who have her apparently effortless consistency. Her books are always a thrilling read, with intricate plotting, characters you instantly feel you know personally and utterly beautiful writing: *The White Darkness* is no exception. It's the story of awkward teenager Sym (who is in love with the very-long-dead Captain Oates) and her "uncle" and their lunatic mission to the Antarctic. Things surely can't end well... The book is dark, clever and menacing, and, if you've never read McCaughrean before, you're about to make a glorious discovery.