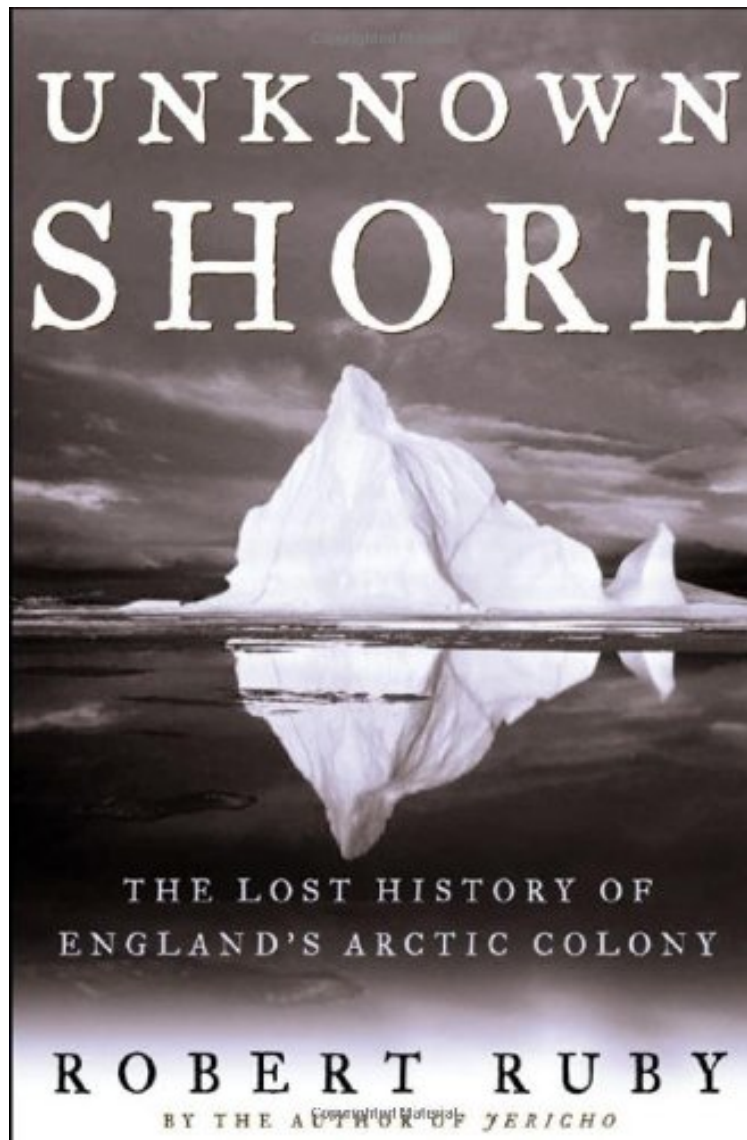


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Robert Ruby : Unknown Shore: The Lost History of England's Arctic Colony before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Unknown Shore: The Lost History of England's Arctic Colony:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Anti-climatic, but appropriately so.By MattThis was an interesting book about a bit of history I knew little about. Like the territory it describes, however, it's a little sparse. I waited for the narrative to reach an apex, which it never did. In many ways, the storytelling follows the contours of the history,

which itself was pretty anticlimatic. But I enjoyed reading it, and would recommend it to others. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very educational By Jonathan P Alter The author did a lot of research. From the examples of 1500s handwriting - I can imagine that it took a while to figure out what the handwritten words are. The book is really a three part story- that of Frobisher, that of Hall and that of the modern Inuit. Author does a good job in weaving it all together. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Frobisher Bay: Cold War Relic YFBB By Michael Makar I was very interested in Frobisher Air Base now Iqaluit Airport. My interest centered around the part it played in the US nuclear war plans, early warning, communications and strategic location during the 80s and 90s. First I needed to learn about the history of the area and exploration. Unknown Shore provided that first glimpse of early life and exploration. The cast of characters and the way their names became geographic locations are explained to a lesser degree though. If you like reading about remote and harsh areas of the world you will like this book. It could use a few more maps and pictures but I say that for every book I read.

The true story of how the first English colony in the New World was lost to history, then found again three hundred years later. England's first attempt at colonizing the New World was not at Roanoke or Jamestown, but on a mostly frozen small island in the Canadian Arctic. Queen Elizabeth I called that place Meta Incognita -- the Unknown Shore. Backed by Elizabeth I and her key advisors, including the legary spymaster Sir Francis Walsingham and the shadowy Dr. John Dee, the erstwhile pirate Sir Martin Frobisher set out three times across the North Atlantic, in the process leading what is still the largest Arctic expedition in history. In this forbidding place, Frobisher believed he had discovered vast quantities of gold, the fabled Northwest Passage to the riches of Cathay, and a suitable place for a year-round colony. But Frobisher's dream turned into a nightmare, and his colony was lost to history for nearly three centuries. In this brilliantly conceived dual narrative, Robert Ruby interweaves Frobisher's saga with that of the nineteenth-century American Charles Francis Hall, whose explorations of this same landscape enabled him to hear the oral history of the Inuit, passed down through generations. It was these stories that unlocked the mystery of Frobisher's lost colony. Unknown Shore is the story of two men's travels, and of what these men shared three centuries apart. Ultimately, it is a tale of men driven by greed and ambition, of the hard labor of exploration, of the Inuit and their land, and of great gambles gone wrong.