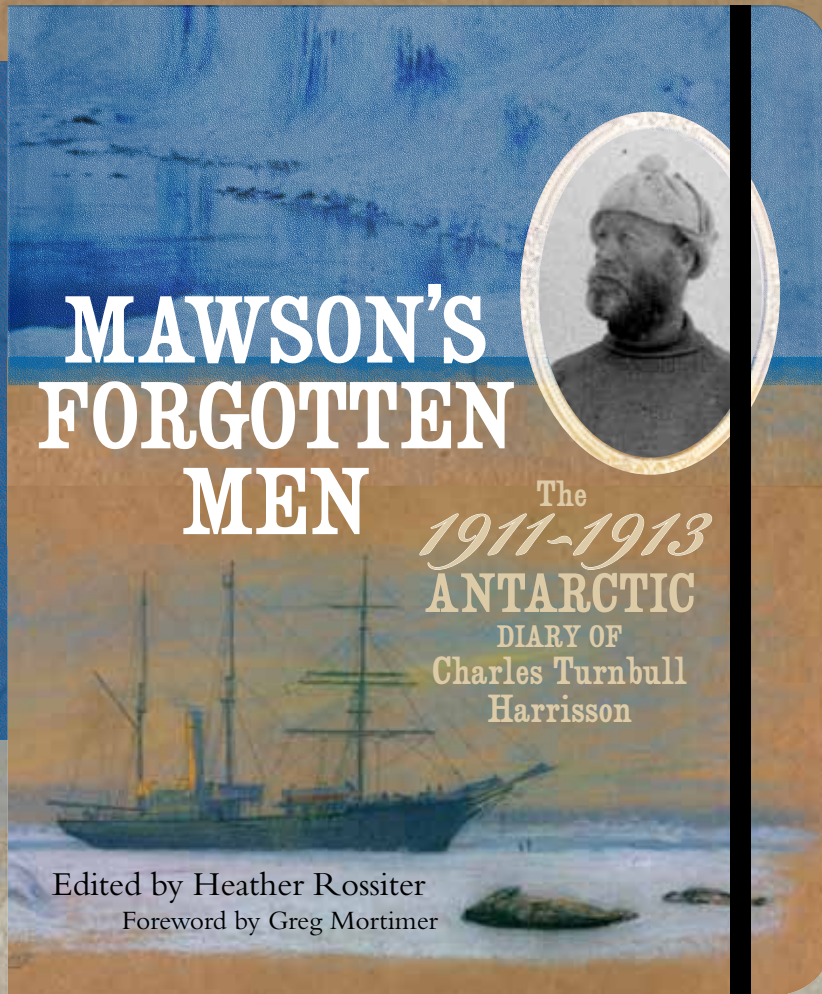


MARCH 29, 1912

Sleeping bag frozen ... Wild called early – could not distinguish words – felt anxious lest something had gone wrong ... Cold morning ... minus 14°. Bag covered with frost. Wolf skin mitts hanging from the tent pole ornamented with exquisite feathers of snow crystals. How my fingers ached brushing up frost & moving cold cooking utensils.

... Oh, the misery of putting on frozen clothes & tying up ties frozen stiff with snow worked into them in a minus temperature! The lamp wick ties were solid as tarred rope! & that wet powder of snow over everything. We had to stop again & again, slap our aching fingers & warm them under our clothes.



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Harrisson's engaging narrative is complemented by his sketches and watercolour paintings of the landscape as well as photographs of the men in the Western Base Party and maps from the time.

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