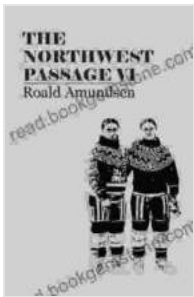


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The expedition set sail from Christiania (now Oslo), Norway, on June 16, 1903. The Gjøa sailed north along the coast of Greenland and into the

Baffin Bay. They then sailed through the Lancaster Sound and into the Parry Channel. The Gjøa spent the next two years exploring the Canadian Arctic Archipelago, navigating through treacherous ice floes and uncharted waters.

In September 1905, the Gjøa reached King William Island, where they were forced to spend the winter. The following spring, they continued their journey, navigating through the Rae Strait and into the Victoria Strait. On August 17, 1906, the Gjøa emerged from the Northwest Passage and into the Beaufort Sea. They had finally completed their historic journey.

The Gjøa expedition was a major achievement in polar exploration. It was the first time that the Northwest Passage had been successfully navigated by a ship. The expedition also made important scientific discoveries about the Arctic, including the first sighting of the magnetic North Pole.

The Gjøa expedition is a testament to the courage and determination of Roald Amundsen and his crew. Their journey was a major milestone in the history of exploration, and it continues to inspire people today.

The Gjøa Crew

- Roald Amundsen, expedition leader and navigator
- Godfred Hansen, first mate
- Helmer Hanssen, second mate
- Antoni Jakhelln, engineer
- Peder Ristvedt, cook
- Gustav Juel Wiik, scientist

The Gjøa Ship

The Gjøa was a small, 47-foot herring boat that was modified for polar exploration. It was built in Sandefjord, Norway, in 1872. The Gjøa was powered by a 25 horsepower steam engine, and it carried a crew of six men.

The Gjøa was equipped with a number of features to make it suitable for polar exploration. It had a reinforced hull, a powerful engine, and a large capacity for food and supplies. The Gjøa also had a scientific laboratory, where the crew conducted experiments and observations.

The Northwest Passage

The Northwest Passage is a sea route that connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans across the Canadian Arctic Archipelago. The passage is over 9,000 miles long, and it is navigated through treacherous ice floes and uncharted waters.

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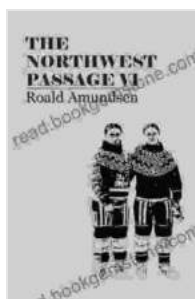
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