

May weekend in a lush garden at 56°N, 10°E, and having worked in a variety of polar regions since 1980, I did not have the impression that the *Gauss* expedition was a failure. The expedition brought home a wealth of new information (e.g., the discovery of the Antarctic Convergence) gathered by dedicated scientists and ship crew, which was finally published in 20 volumes. Reading this narrative is worthwhile for everyone interested in the pioneer work of polar research, and many thought-provoking comparisons to the way science is run today can be drawn. Through the first English translation of Drygalski's narrative, this book should find a wider readership.

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THE MUMMIES FROM QILAKITSOQ — ESKIMOS IN THE 15TH CENTURY. Compiled and edited by J.P. HART HANSEN and H.C. GULLØV. Copenhagen: Meddelelser om Grønland, 1989. *Man & Society* 12. 199 p., 8 plates, 33 black and white figs., 205 black and white photographic and radiographic figs. and plates, 26 tables, index. Hardbound. DKK 297.50 excl. VAT and postage.

This book represents the culmination of nearly 20 years of well-coordinated and carefully executed scientific research on the spectacular find of eight mummified Inuit in two graves at Qilakitsoq, Uummannaq district, West Greenland, in 1972. In 1985 the Grønlandsmuseum, Nuuk, produced a beautifully illustrated book in Danish that summarized the find, the conservation process, and most of the ongoing scientific investigations for a broad range of interested people (Hart Hansen, J.P., Meldgaard, J., and Nordqvist, J., eds. 1985. *Qilakitsoq. De grønlandske Mumier fra 1400-tallet*. Nuuk: Grønlandsmuseum and København: Ejlers' Forlag). Two years later the Dutch publishers *Natuur & Techniek* of Maastricht produced a Dutch translation of that popular book, together with more and even higher quality graphics (Hart Hansen, J.P., Meldgaard, J., and Nordqvist, J., eds. *Qilakitsoq. De Groenlandse Mummies van 1400*. Maastricht: *Natuur & Techniek*). In the meantime, 45 co-workers have generated more than 20 scientific papers published in both Danish and English in widely disparate journals and books.

The editors and compilers of this volume are to be complimented for integrating all these studies into 27 chapters, which together form a satisfying and unified entity as well as an expansion of the aforementioned more popular book. The main thrust of this volume in the well-known journal *Meddelelser om Grønland* is the presentation of the results of the human biological investigation of the mummies. Covering everything from the hair to the toenails, body lice to heavy-metal trace elements, genetic affiliation to diet, disease to tattoos and from hard-rock geology to diatoms, this book is a plethora of information for the specialist and the anthropologically oriented generalist alike. The respective articles are well written and presented in a form and style both satisfying to the specialist and understandable and relevant to ethnographers and archaeologists alike. Equally praiseworthy is the fact that each article is accompanied by its own bibliography.

Considering the wide range of disciplines covered, the translators and editors are to be congratulated for the quality and clarity of the English text. Unfortunately it would appear that the galley proofs were not corrected by a native English speaker, so that unnecessary "printing errors" occur with irritating frequency.

Far and away the greater part of this volume is new and it is more complete and more detailed than either of the earlier, more popular-scientific books. As such it is a valuable addition to the body of published data coming from that exceptional find and its most conscientious team of researchers. However, it is a regrettable fact of academic life that scientific journals cannot compete with commer-

cial or private publishing houses when it comes to reproducing high-quality colour photographs and drawings. Therefore the reader would be well advised to have access to the Danish or the Dutch book in order to appreciate fully the richness of the Inuit clothing, the tattoos and the pathological and histological detail of the microscopic examination of the various tissues.

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