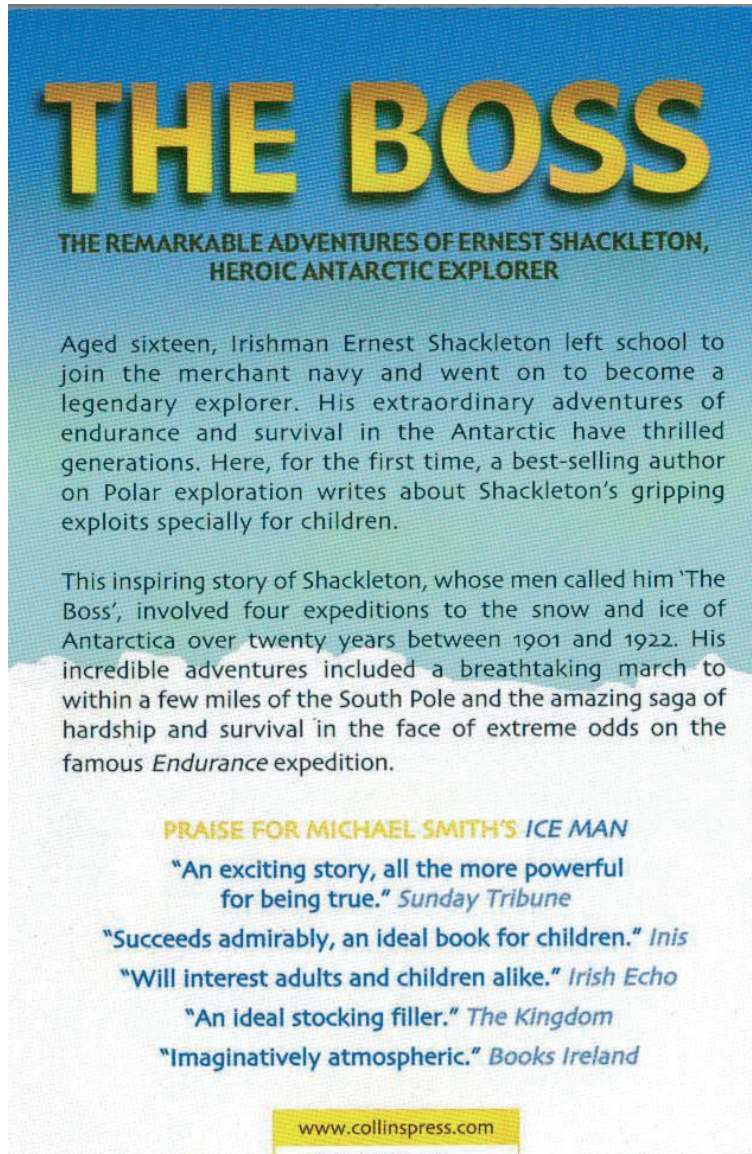


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- A blurb for a short biography of the Irish explorer, Ernest Shackleton. The book was written for children.



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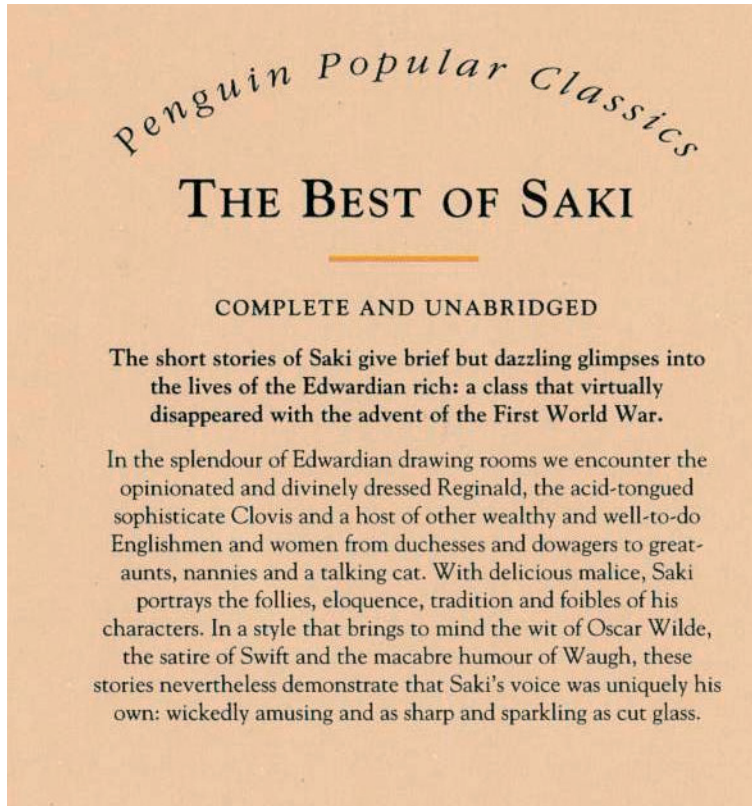
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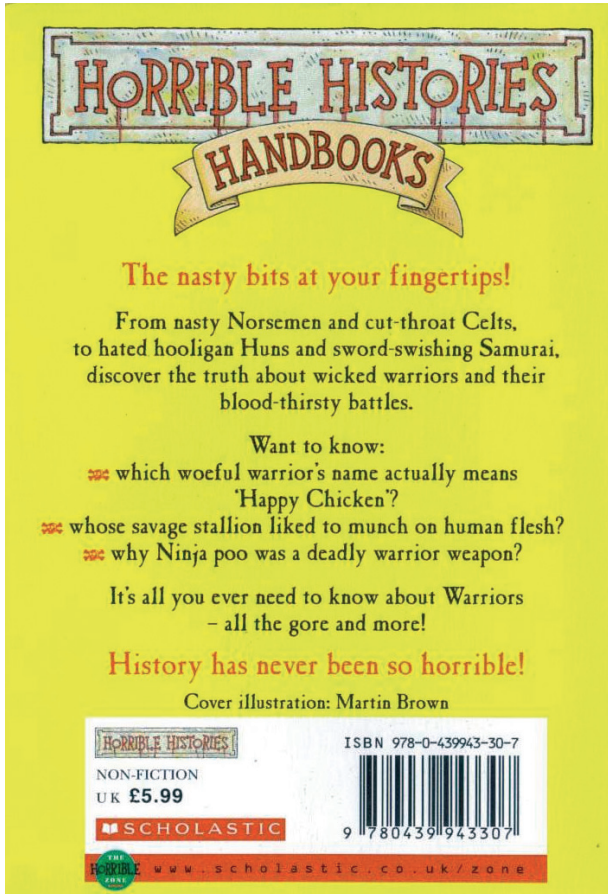
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