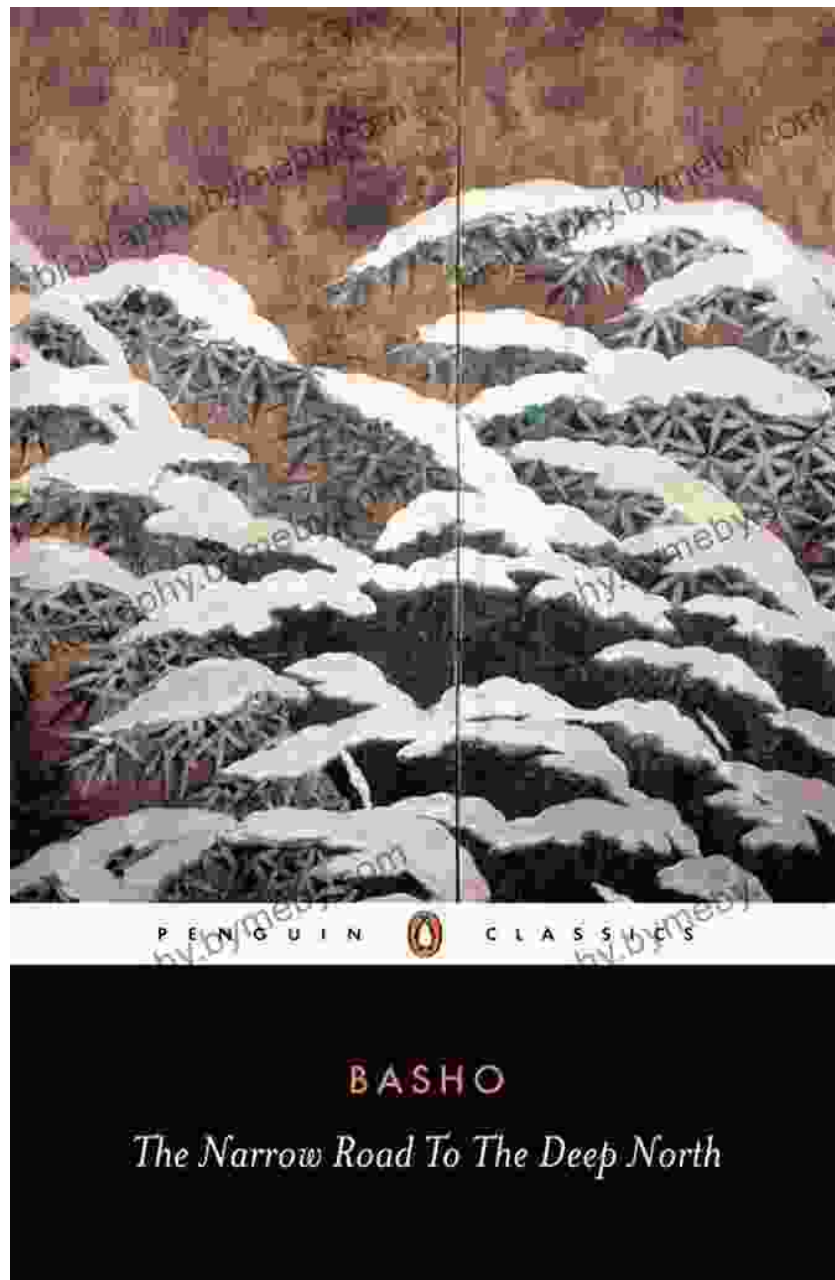


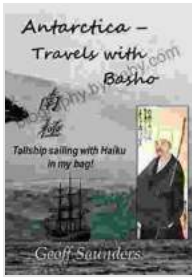
# Antarctica: Travels With Basho - An Epic Journey Through the Heart of the Ice

By John Ashbery



In the tradition of great travel writers like Bruce Chatwin and Patrick Leigh Fermor, John Ashbery's *Antarctica: Travels With Basho* is an epic journey

through the heart of the ice.



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Ashbery retraces the steps of the great Japanese poet Matsuo Bashō, embarking on a physical and spiritual pilgrimage to the frozen continent. With stunning prose and evocative imagery, Ashbery captures the awe-inspiring beauty and haunting solitude of Antarctica, while exploring themes of nature, mortality, and the search for meaning in a vast and indifferent universe.

Ashbery's journey begins in Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world. From there, he boards a ship bound for Antarctica. As the ship sails through the Drake Passage, Ashbery is struck by the immensity of the ocean and the sense of isolation that comes with being so far from land.

When the ship finally reaches Antarctica, Ashbery is greeted by a landscape of ice and snow that is both beautiful and terrifying. He spends the next few weeks exploring the continent, visiting penguin colonies,

glaciers, and icebergs. He also has the opportunity to meet some of the scientists who work in Antarctica.

As Ashbery travels through Antarctica, he begins to reflect on his own life and on the nature of existence. He is haunted by the thought of death and by the realization that he is just a small part of a vast and indifferent universe. However, he also finds solace in the beauty of the natural world and in the companionship of his fellow travelers.

*Antarctica: Travels With Basho* is a powerful and moving book that will stay with you long after you finish reading it. It is a book about the beauty of the natural world, the fragility of human life, and the search for meaning in a vast and indifferent universe.

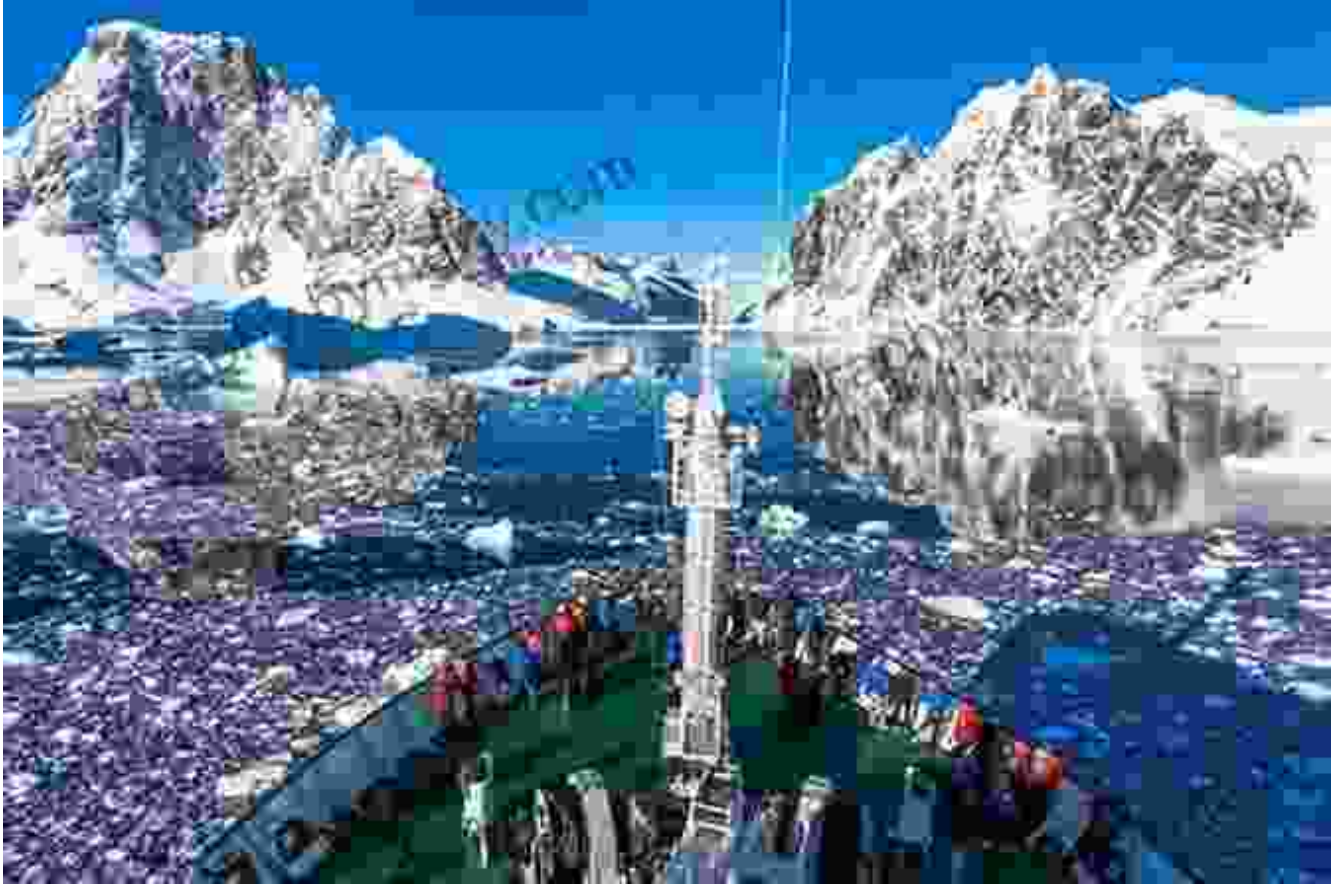
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### **About the Author**



John Ashbery (1927-2017) was an American poet, essayist, and art critic. He is considered one of the most important poets of the post-World War II era. Ashbery's work is characterized by its experimental use of language and its exploration of themes such as identity, consciousness, and the nature of reality.

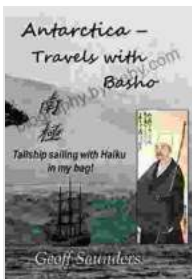
Ashbery was born in Rochester, New York, in 1927. He studied at Harvard University and Columbia University, and he taught at various universities throughout his career. Ashbery published his first book of poems, *Turandot and Other Poems*, in 1953. He went on to publish more than twenty books of poetry, as well as several books of essays and art criticism.

Ashbery received numerous awards and honors for his work, including the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, and the National Medal of Arts. He is considered one of the most influential poets of his generation.

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