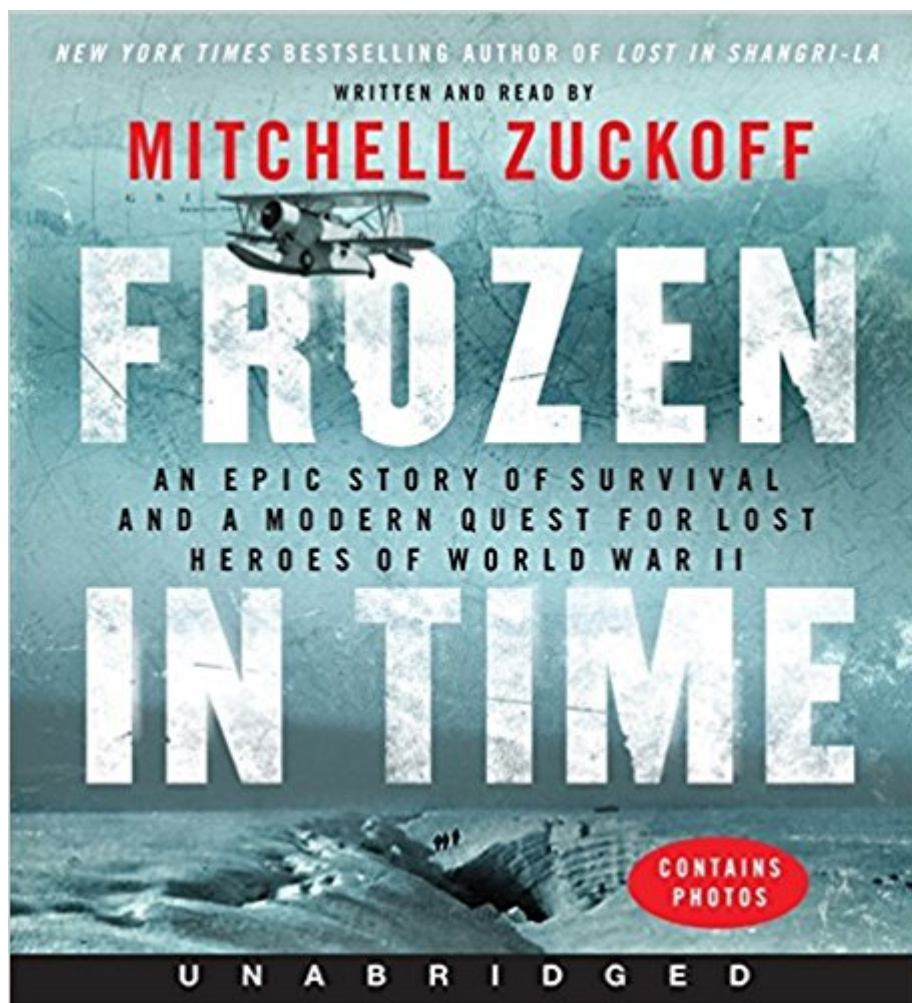


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# Frozen In Time Unabridged CD



## Synopsis

On November 5, 1942, a U.S. cargo plane slammed into the Greenland ice cap. Four days later, a B-17 on the search-and-rescue mission also crashed. Miraculously, all nine men on the B-17 survived. The U.S. military launched a second daring rescue operation, but the Grumman Duck amphibious plane sent to find the men vanished. In this thrilling adventure, Mitchell Zuckoff offers a spellbinding account of these harrowing crashes and the fate of the survivors and their would-be saviors. *Frozen in Time* places us at the center of a group of valiant airmen fighting to stay alive through 148 days of a brutal Arctic winter until an expedition attempts to bring them to safety. But that is only part of the story. In present-day Greenland, Zuckoff joins the Coast Guard and North South Polar Inc. on a dangerous expedition to recover the remains of the lost plane's crew. *Frozen in Time* is a breathtaking blend of mystery, adventure, heroism, and survival. It is also a poignant reminder of the sacrifices of our military personnel and their families and a tribute to the important, perilous, and often overlooked work of the U.S. Coast Guard.

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## Customer Reviews

An [Best Book of the Month, April 2013](#): Talk about bad luck: In 1942, a United States cargo plane crash-landed while flying over Greenland, stranding the crew on sea of ice. A rescue flight was quickly dispatched--it crashed in a November storm, stranding its own nine crewmembers. The third time was not the charm: a second rescue mission disappeared in another blizzard, leaving neither clues nor apparent survivors. Subsequent attempts--some with fatal results--failed under the harsh conditions, forcing the men to weather the Arctic winter in makeshift shelters, including the tail

section of a broken bomber. This tale of survival in the deadliest conditions would be enthralling on its own (and it is), but Zuckoff's meticulous research led him to a modern-day group dedicated to solving the mystery of the third flight. As a chronicler of their mission, Zuckoff is swept into their adventure, and his project becomes much more than an interesting World War II subplot. *Part Alive, part Shackleton, Frozen in Time* is a thrilling story of courage, perseverance, and loyalty that spans decades. --Jon Foro --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

It sounds so implausible that you think it must be fiction: in 1942, a U.S. military cargo plane crashed in Greenland; soon after, a B-17 bomber, assigned to the rescue mission, also crashed; and, not much longer after that, a Coast Guard rescue plane carrying one of the B-17 survivors disappeared in a storm. Facts, not fiction. Nearly seven decades later, Lou Sapienza, a commercial photographer who documented an earlier effort to find lost WWII planes, put together an expedition to Greenland aimed at finding out what happened to that Coast Guard plane. Author Zuckoff tagged along, chronicling the adventures of the colorful Sapienza while also telling us, through flashbacks, the story of the survivors of the B-17 crash and their months-long ordeal to stay alive while awaiting rescue. Zuckoff, who also wrote 2011's *Lost in Shangri-La* (about a different but equally compelling WWII crash-and-rescue story), juggles the modern-day and historical stories adroitly, making us feel as though we are right there with the crash survivors, fighting against the bitter cold. --David Pitt --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

It is a bedrock American principle that there is a high duty to locate and "return" the remains of lost service personnel. No matter how remote in place and time, the search cannot end except in success. From whence comes this deep-seated ethos not examined here. Rather, the principle is taken as a given and propels the telling of the extraordinary events of heroism to rescue downed crews (struggling to survive against seemingly insurmountable perils) in WWII Greenland. The amazing infrastructure that exists to fulfill the duty to locate and return remains world-wide and the people who have devoted their lives to the mission is a story worth telling. The 50 plus year Greenland search is beautifully told and the travails of the crews involved documented with great care. It is a story of honor, courage and determination and one very much worth reading.

This (true) story is centered on the ice sheet that covers Greenland, which is not only extremely cold, but also very, very snowy. As a result, the ice sheet is several thousand feet thick, and even objects as large as an airplane are covered in only a few years. During WWII, a small Coast Guard

recon. airplane was lost, and then a bomber sent out to look for it also crashed. The second was ultimately found, and the survivors rescued, but the first remained a mystery. The book is about how a modern explorer mounts an expedition to find it, and finally (on the last day of the field campaign) does so. It touches on the problems of getting funding for a project that essentially bypassed part of the Coast Guard bureaucracy, and on the problems of working in a hostile, dangerous environment: in particular, the expedition had to avoid crevasses that opened due to the relatively rapid deformation of the ice by the motion of the glacier, and then were hidden under fragile snow drifts. This book will be perfect summer reading while one is sitting on a shaded porch with a tall glass of iced tea close st hand.

This book is actually two stories told side by side. It is a compelling account of human endurance and perseverance, during 1942, and again in 2012. It is an amazing tale of a plane lost over Greenland in 1942, the crash of a B-17 during the search for it and the search for and recovery of some would-be rescuers who were lost in the ice and snow as part of the ground search in the days following the original crash. Some of the members of the 2012 search team had been part of finding one of a squadron of P-38s lost over Greenland during the war. This is a story of courage, of faith and of honor. The stories told by those who survived and were rescued tell of extraordinary endurance and will, both on the part of the survivors and those looking for them, some of whom lost their lives during that search. The story of the searchers and their mission in 2012 shows just how far our technology has come, and how limited it still is in the face of the treacherous and unpredictable weather that makes up modern Greenland. Again, bravery and tenacity hold the modern day searchers to their task, despite the odds being against them. It's not a spoiler to say that they do eventually find the plane for which they were searching, but it recounts the ingenuity they needed to make their search and their high-tech tools work for them. This book is as compelling as any adventure novel and has the added touch of it being a true story and the superior writing skills of Mitchell Zuckoff. Very highly recommended.

This another outstanding history of survival of military people lost and being able to survive for a long period of time. I first read *Lost in Shangri La* by Zuckoff. That book drew me to this one. Zuckoff is excellent in this type of writing. He has gone back and pieced together a story that had been lost to history. I would hope he would do more of these types of books in the future. They are fascinating to read. Especially when you know they are real stories and not made up in someone else mind. Zuckoff intersperses this tale of three crashes of separate planes on Greenland's icy land with the

recovery attempt of the Duck. Finding the Duck is a determination tale of a few people who want to bring back every service man that is still MIA. I admired their determination in this, although I think the book would have stood alone with the just the 1942-43 part of the story. I learned a lot about Greenland and the strategic part it played in WWII. A great book for anyone who has an interest in this type of history.

WWII Greenland and those that served in this God forsaken land of snow, wind, bone-numbing cold and dangerous crevices that swallowed men to their deaths is vividly and touchingly told in this moving and brutally candid book about survival, rescue and honor. First there is the war that brought these men to this strategic wasteland, their heroic efforts to rescue downed pilots only to find themselves in similar straits in conditions that would challenge the courage and fortitude of any man. Then there is story of a later generation of heroic rescuers who seek to find and bring home the remains of heroes in keeping with the U.S. Military's commitment to leave no one behind. A great read, message and tribute to that serve.

This is one book that I read in 3 days wrapped in a robe, thick socks, and a blanket in July....and still felt like I was freezing. Thanks to the writer for spooling numerous heroic stories together in one very harmonious novel. I appreciate that he takes all the bits of known documentation and mixes it with realism and puts it all together as smoothly as weaving a very fine tapestry. I hate it when a writer or director takes liberty with a story and this author seems to like sticking close to his facts. A thank you to the military men and their families who gave so much and those currently serving who continue the legacy. Thanks for the writer who shared their stories. I only hope he has a very long writing career ahead of him. Thank you Mr. Zuckoff!

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