

little work deals more at large with the voyages of those embarked in the whale-fishery; and comprises a brief account of the modern Expeditions in search of a North-west Passage by way of Baffin's Bay and Lancaster Sound, which have unfortunately concluded in the disappearance of Sir John Franklin's vessels. What follows is a narrative of the Expedition under the command of Captain Austin, in 1850-51, in search of the missing ships and their ill-fated crews; and in this Expedition I was one of the humblest as well as one of the youngest labourers. Thus I have endeavoured to furnish the reader, at one view, and in a condensed form, with a connected history of what has been done by way of discovery in the ice-bound regions of the north from the earliest periods to the present time, as well as with a detailed narrative of the means that have been employed towards rescuing those of our brave countrymen who have been so long lost in those trackless and inhospitable regions.

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