

# The Voyages of Captain Luke Foxe of Hull and Captain Thomas James of Bristol: A Tale of Exploration and Adventure in the Canadian Arctic

The Canadian Arctic is a vast and unforgiving region, but it has also been the scene of some of the most daring and exciting exploration in history. In the early 17th century, two English captains, Luke Foxe and Thomas James, made separate voyages to the Canadian Arctic in search of the Northwest Passage, a legendary shortcut to Asia. Their expeditions were fraught with danger and hardship, but they also made important contributions to our understanding of this remote region.



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## Captain Luke Foxe's Voyage

Luke Foxe was born in Hull, England, in 1586. He was a skilled navigator and explorer, and in 1631 he was commissioned by the English

government to lead an expedition to the Canadian Arctic in search of the Northwest Passage. Foxe set sail from England in May 1631 with two ships, the Charles and the Maria. He sailed west across the Atlantic Ocean and then north up the coast of Labrador. In July, he entered Hudson Bay and began to explore the coastline.

Foxe spent the next two months exploring Hudson Bay. He mapped the coastline of the bay and discovered several new islands and inlets. He also encountered a number of Inuit people, who were friendly and helpful. In September, Foxe returned to England, having completed his mission.

### **Captain Thomas James's Voyage**

Thomas James was born in Bristol, England, in 1593. He was also a skilled navigator and explorer, and in 1631 he was commissioned by the English government to lead an expedition to the Canadian Arctic in search of the Northwest Passage. James set sail from England in May 1631 with two ships, the Henrietta Maria and the Charles. He sailed west across the Atlantic Ocean and then north up the coast of Labrador. In August, he entered Hudson Bay and began to explore the coastline.

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### **The Legacy of Foxe and James**

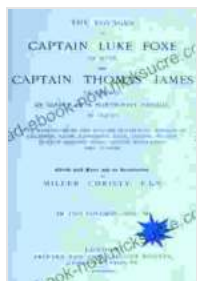
The voyages of Captain Luke Foxe and Captain Thomas James were two of the most important early expeditions to the Canadian Arctic. Their combined efforts helped to map the coastline of Hudson Bay and lay the

groundwork for future exploration. Their discoveries also helped to increase European knowledge of the Arctic and its people.

Foxe and James were both brave and determined explorers. They faced many dangers and hardships on their voyages, but they never gave up on their quest to find the Northwest Passage. Their expeditions are a testament to the human spirit of exploration and adventure.

## Additional Information

\* [Captain Luke Foxe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luke\_Foxe) \* [Captain Thomas James](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas\_James\_(explorer)) \* [Hudson Bay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson\_Bay) \* [Northwest Passage](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northwest\_Passage) \* [Canadian Arctic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canadian\_Arctic)



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