



Blue Ice

Alex Bernasconi
Foreword by Julian Dowdeswell
Introduction by Peter Clarkson

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- A magnificent volume from award-winning photographer Alex Bernasconi, showcasing the most remote and beautiful place on Earth
- The recipient of the IPPY Silver Medal 2016 – Photography, and the MGIP Gold Medal 2016 – Photography
- Foreword by British glaciologist Professor Julian Dowdeswell, Director of the Scott Polar Research Institute
- Introduction by Dr Peter Clarkson, member of the British Antarctic Survey

Blue Ice is a stunning book from photographer Alex Bernasconi whose unique approach to wildlife photography has been honoured with multiple prestigious awards. Bernasconi's breathtaking panoramas reveal the spectacular beauty of the Antarctic landscape shaped by its extreme climate, while his wildlife portraits depict the surprising diversity of species, highly adapted to the challenging conditions in which they live. The foreword by British glaciologist Professor Julian Dowdeswell, Director of the Scott Polar Research Institute, explains the dynamics of the geography and ice masses, and the effects of climate change, while Dr Peter Clarkson's Introduction draws on his personal experiences as a member of the British Antarctic Survey to recount the history of the discovery of the Antarctic and the challenges of working and living in the harshest of environments. **Blue Ice** provides a remarkable record of an eco-system at risk, revealing the extraordinary, unexpected beauty of the Antarctic, the most remote and endangered place on Earth.

Alex Bernasconi is an award-winning nature, wildlife and landscape photographer. Born in 1968 in Milan, he has carved out a multi-faceted career as outdoors-man, sportsman, adventurer and traveller, his camera always with him to take up-close photographs of wildlife and its environment. His iconic images have appeared in magazines and books worldwide and he has won many prizes at prestigious international awards including the International Photography Awards (IPA), the Trierenberg Super Circuit, the PX3(Paris), the WPO Sony World Photography Awards, Graphis, and the Epson International Pano Awards. **Wild Africa**, his first photography book, was awarded the Gold Medal at the Independent Publisher Awards in New York in 2011. **Prof. Julian Dowdeswell** is a British glaciologist and the former director of the Scott Polar Research Institute. Having spent two and a half years working directly in the polar regions, he generated a wealth of research which earned him the Polar Medal in 1994 for 'outstanding contributions to glacier geophysics'. His research focuses on the dynamics of large ice masses and their response to climate change. Other awards include the Founder's Medal from the Royal Geographical Society (2008) and the the International Arctic Science Committee Medal (2014). He is an Emeritus Professor of physical geography at Cambridge University. **Dr. Peter Clarkson MBE** is an Emeritus Associate of the Scott Polar Research Institute. He graduated from Durham University in 1967 and joined the British Antarctic Survey as a geologist. He was awarded the Polar Medal in 1976 and received a PhD from Birmingham University in 1977. In 1989 he left the British Antarctic Survey to take up the position of Executive Secretary of the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR), based in the Scott Polar Research Institute. He has now retired and takes occasional Antarctic refresher courses on cruise ships to the Antarctic Peninsula when he lectures on a variety of Antarctic subjects.

