

In 2005 Jason Kimberley spent 16 days walking in Antarctica with two companions, Jason 'Mertz' Veale and Peter 'Boss' Hillary (son of Sir Edmund). These are some of his favourite images, featuring extracts from his new book *Antarctica, a different adventure*

LIFE through the lens

^ ^ Exposed

"I hate the cold. It invades your entire being – your mind, your body and your soul. One of my greatest fears is that of being stuck, exposed and helpless and slowly freezing to death, in some lonely wasteland. I think this is one of the reasons that Antarctica has always intrigued me."

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Exhilaration

"I am beginning to feel the burst of exhilaration that I felt climbing along the icy volcanic lip of Mount Ruapehu. With mixed emotions of imminent danger and pure excitement, the knowledge that any mistake in this place will be costly is somewhat sobering."



PHOTOGRAPHY

V V V **Storm ahead**

"After three hours of walking we reach the foot of the High Nunatak. There is some light-hearted discussion about climbing the sheer face that presents itself before us, but the talk is quickly dismissed as irrational in light of the storm that seems to be moving in across the valley. Visibility is down to 50 metres; the wind is up to 40 knots, and the temperature has just plummeted to -25 degrees. It has begun to snow heavily. We set our return course for camp three."

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Rugged up

"Today is a day for balaclava, facemask, hat, four layers of clothing, two pairs of socks, goggles, ice axe, crampons and your sense of humour."



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Reflections

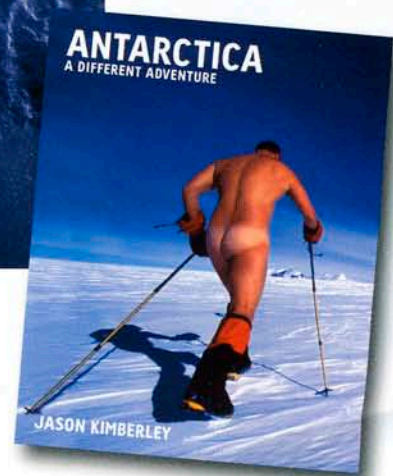
"When I stand back to observe Boss and Mertz walking up one of these huge rolling lumps of ice, it is not difficult to imagine that they are walking on water with its reflection of sunlight and smooth motion."



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Footprints

"We take a look at some tracks that we made while out walking yesterday in the fresh snow. The wind has since stripped away the surrounding snow, leaving only the compressed snow from our footprints, which now sit 5cm above ground level."



Antarctica, a different adventure is \$49.95 – hard cover, \$39.95 – soft cover, and can be purchased at bookstores nationwide, online at www.sunburntcountry.net or by phone on 03 9510 2838.