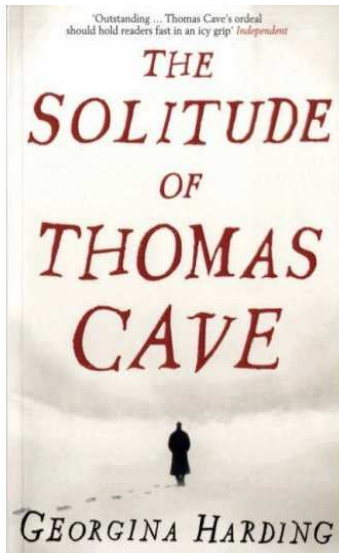


The Solitude of Thomas Cave by Georgina Harding



In 1616, as the men on an English whaling ship prepared to head back toward home they left behind the quiet, headstrong Thomas Cave, who had bet the rest of the crew that he could spend a winter alone on this Arctic island.

As the days shortened, Thomas faced months of darkness, ice, and blizzards, with nothing except his rations, shelter, and a journal—a record in case he doesn't survive to tell his story. But the greatest threat is his own mind: he is haunted by the remembrances of another life and a lost love. From his post at the edge of the known world, Cave sees his own past, and begins to reflect on man's relationship with God and the wilderness.