
The Andrée Expedition
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On July 11, 1897, three Swedish explorers (A. Andrée, N. Strindberg and K. Fränkel) set off in a balloon to reach the North Pole. After four days, contact with the three men was lost. They were never heard from again. Some thirty years later their bodies, notebooks, journals, and letters were found. All the words you are about to hear are theirs.

This is their story...

Part One: In The Air

Prologue (Fränkel)

The Balloon Rises (Strindberg: Letter to Anna)

Pride and Ambition (Andrée: First Journal)

Dinner Aloft (Strindberg: Letter to Anna)

The Unforeseen Problem (Fränkel)

The Flight Aborted (Andrée: First Journal)

Part Two: On the Ice

Mishap With A Sledge (Strindberg: Letter to Anna)

The King's Jubilee (Andrée: First Journal)

Illness and Drugs (Fränkel)

Hallucinations (Andrée: First Journal)

Anna's Birthday (Strindberg: Letter to Anna)

Epilogue (Fränkel)

Final Words (Andrée: Second Journal)