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## THE STORY OF NEW ZEALAND'S SUB-ANTARCTIC ISLANDS

*By Conan Fraser (Foreword by Sir Peter Scott)*

**S**ituated in the Southern Ocean between New Zealand and Antarctica, these five groups of tiny islands are among the most remote and wild on earth.

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Beyond the Roaring Forties tells the story of the sealing and whaling days, of doomed efforts to settle or farm the larger islands, and of shipwrecks and the plight of marooned castaways.

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