



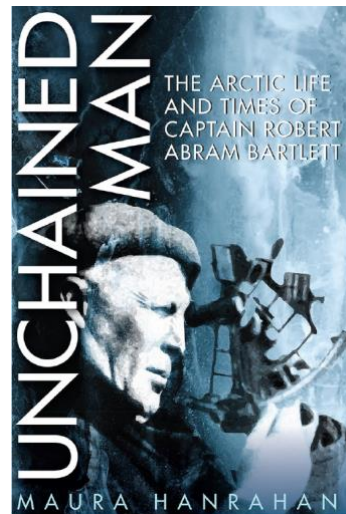
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Dr. Maura Hanrahan uncovers the man behind the persona of legendary explorer Robert Abram Bartlett

*University of Lethbridge professor launches her latest book, *Unchained Man: The Arctic Life and Times of Captain Robert Abram Bartlett*, Saturday, June 23, 2018, 2 to 4 p.m. at Chapters Bookstore*

In 1914, Captain Robert Abram Bartlett trekked 700 miles across the frozen Arctic Ocean to save survivors of the sunken *Karluk*. The episode was one of many that contributed to the Bartlett myth but, beyond his celebrity, Bartlett was a complex man who struggled to find peace. Based on extensive research, *Unchained Man* explores Bartlett's pivotal role in Arctic history.

"I grew up in Newfoundland where Bartlett was a hero. He has mythic status elsewhere, particularly in the United States where he spent his adult life, but I wondered about the person he really was," says Hanrahan. "He had a life filled with adventures but I knew he had to be more than the cardboard cutout figure of so many stories and films. So, I did research in the United Kingdom, the U.S., Canada and Greenland over a decade to discover him, just as he set out to discover so-called unknown parts of the Arctic."



Hanrahan is a Tier II Board of Governors Research Chair in the Department of Geography and has worked on Indigenous land claims and studied water security in Northern Canada. Her work on the Arctic has been published in encyclopedias and in journals such as *Polar Geography*. She has been an invited speaker on Arctic topics in Norway and Estonia. This is her 12th book.

Hanrahan's interest in the Arctic grew out of her time in Coastal Labrador.

"I came to see how central the Inuit were in the history of the Arctic exploration. In *Unchained Man*, I draw from geography, history, gender studies and Indigenous studies

to place Bartlett and the Inuit in context. The early 20th century, when Bartlett was active, was a remarkable and dramatic time in the exploration history.”

Book Launch

Saturday, June 23

2 to 4 p.m.

Chapters Bookstore, 701 1 Ave S

There will be a book draw and Hanrahan will sign copies as well.

Praise for *Unchained Man*

Maura Hanrahan has written a fine book about one of Newfoundland’s most famous seamen and Arctic explorers, Bob Bartlett. In *Unchained Man*—meticulously researched and finely written—she has come closer than any writer yet to solving the enigma of the great Bob Bartlett. From the haunting sinking of the *Karluq* to the epic struggle to reach the North Pole with Admiral Peary, Hanrahan depicts Bartlett as a flawed but extraordinary human being. This book is unforgettable, a must read for lovers of the literature of exploration and the still uncharted region of the Arctic.

— Wayne Johnston, author *First Snow, Last Light and The Colony of Unrequited Dreams*

A riveting, comprehensive portrait of one of the most dynamic and enigmatic sea captains the Arctic has ever seen. Robert Abram Bartlett was larger than life, his adventures the stuff of legends. Maura Hanrahan expertly recounts the long overdue, very true story of this understated polar hero in engaging, dramatic prose.

— New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Niven, *The Ice Master*

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