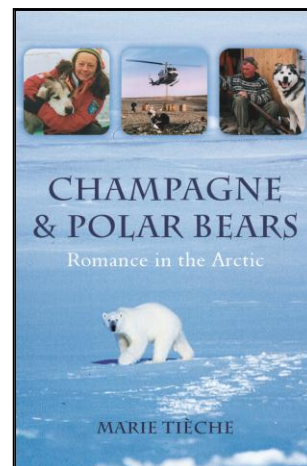


# CHAMPAGNE & POLAR BEARS

## Romance in the Arctic

By Marie Tièche



*'Those eyes. They were the faded blue of a clear winter sky, a luminous, translucent, glacier blue. They had invited me into a strange new world of isolation and loneliness, treacherous weather, icebergs and danger. And I had accepted. What had I done? I'd only met him in the pub an hour ago and I'd just agreed to go with him on his scientific expedition to a deserted island 600 miles from the North Pole. Just the two of us.'*



As chat-up lines go, "come with me and my two dogs on a year-long expedition to a remote, glaciated island" is nothing if not original. Perhaps more surprising is the fact that Marie Tièche acquiesced and, a mere hour later was bound for a deserted island some 600 miles from the North Pole with the German professor she had just met in a Norwegian pub.

**Champagne and Polar Bears** is the true story of day-to-day survival in severe weather, adventures with inquisitive polar bears, and four months of total darkness. With a distinct absence of red roses and skimpy underwear, **Champagne and Polar Bears** is the true story of red-hot passion in one of the world's coldest climates and tells of a happily-ever-after affair that blossomed in a small, frozen hut in the Arctic.

### About the author – global warming interview opportunities

**Marie Tièche** is from Hampshire but first published her book, **Champagne and Polar Bears**, in Germany to grate acclaim from the press and her readers. The trip that Marie describes led her to be the first woman to over-winter at over 80° North. The relationships she describes in the book has blossomed and Marie and her scientist partner, Hauke, are now planning their next expedition – spending the winter in a boat in the frozen waters of Spitzbergen studying the CO<sub>2</sub> balance, its relationship to global warming and the effect on the glaciers and the threatened wild life (including polar bears) that manage to scratch out a fragile existence in the stunningly beautiful but perilous landscape.



**It is hoped that Marie and Hauke may be able to give regular telephone interviews and update reports from their ice-bound boat and to tell the world about their discoveries concerning global warming.**

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