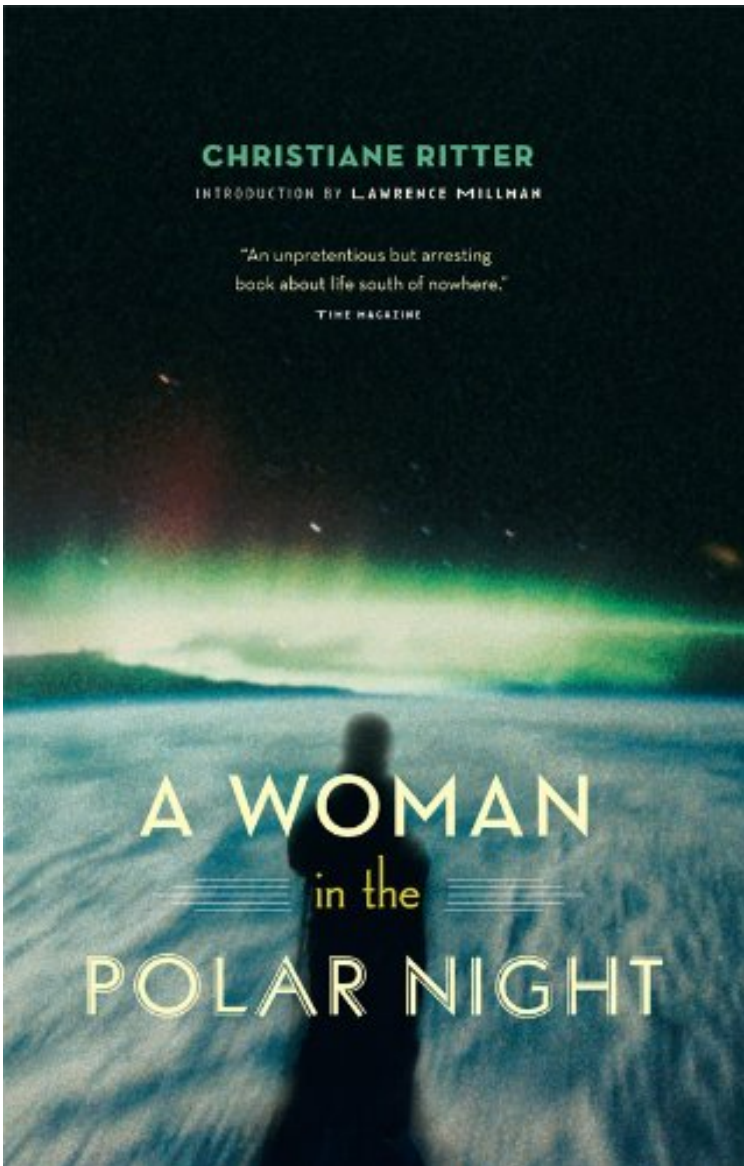


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self in the remoteness of the polar night. In his descriptions there was practically never any mention of cold or darkness, of storms or hardships.