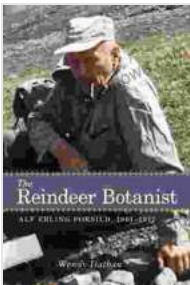


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Alf Erling Porsild was a Danish-Canadian botanist and Arctic explorer who made significant contributions to our understanding of the flora of the Canadian Arctic. He was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, on January 17, 1901, and immigrated to Canada with his family in 1920. He studied botany at the University of Alberta and the University of Minnesota, and in 1926 he joined the staff of the National Herbarium of Canada in Ottawa.

Porsild's first major Arctic expedition was in 1928, when he traveled to the Northwest Territories with the Canadian Arctic Expedition. He spent the next several years exploring the Canadian Arctic, collecting plant specimens and making detailed observations of the vegetation. In 1939, he was appointed Curator of the National Herbarium of Canada, a position he held until his retirement in 1966.



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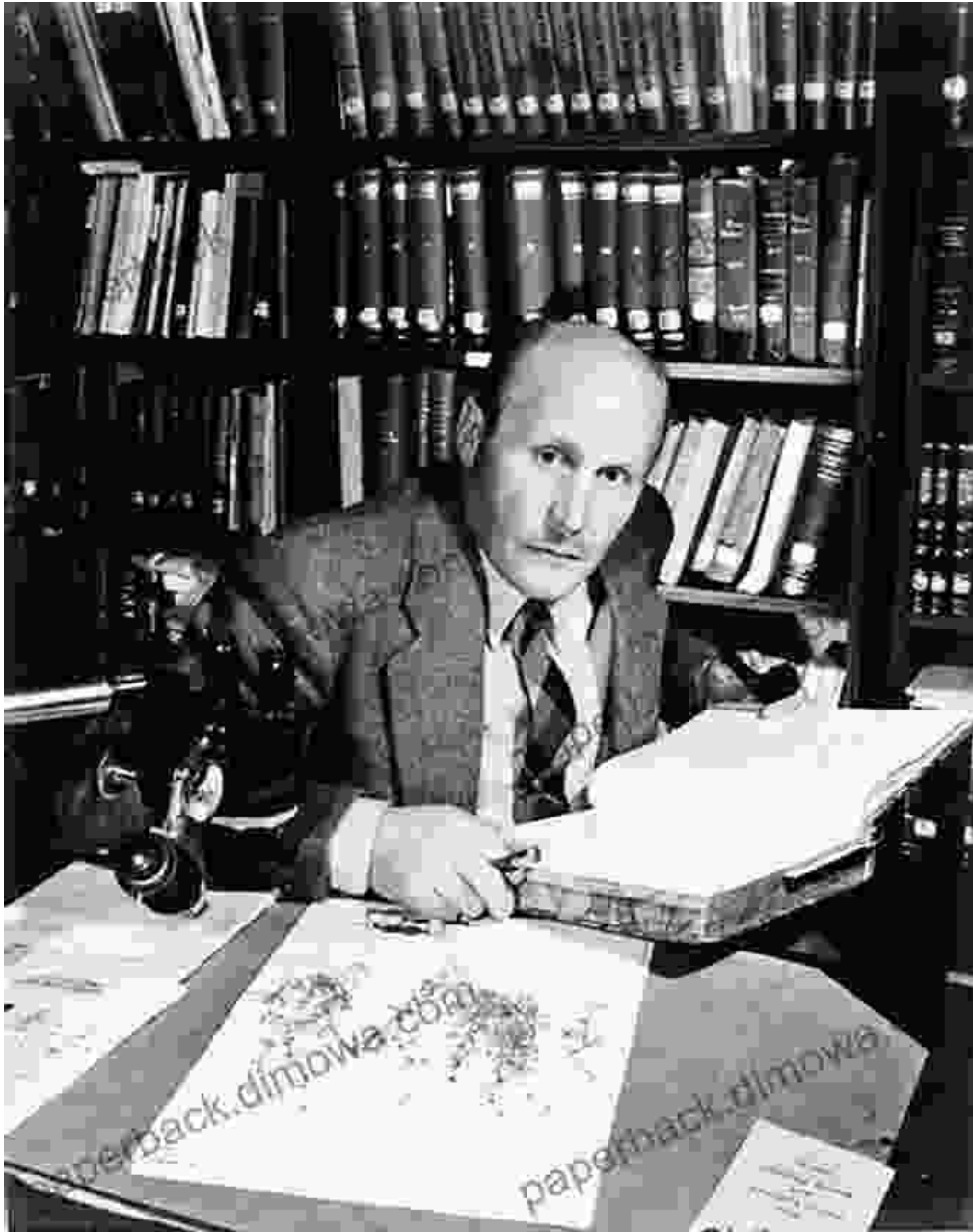
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Porsild was a prolific writer, and he published over 200 scientific papers and books on the flora of the Canadian Arctic. His most important work is his book "The Flora of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago," which was published in 1955. This book is a comprehensive account of the plants of the Canadian Arctic, and it remains an essential reference work for botanists and Arctic explorers.

Porsild was also a gifted photographer, and he took thousands of photographs of the Canadian Arctic. These photographs provide a valuable record of the Arctic landscape and its people. Porsild's photographs have been published in numerous books and magazines, and they have been exhibited in museums around the world.

Porsild was a pioneer in the field of Arctic botany, and his work has had a profound impact on our understanding of the flora of the Canadian Arctic. He was a gifted scientist, a talented photographer, and a passionate advocate for the conservation of the Arctic environment.

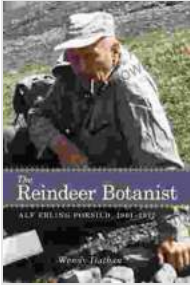


Alf Erling Porsild was a remarkable man who made significant contributions to our understanding of the Canadian Arctic. His work continues to inspire and inform botanists and Arctic explorers today.

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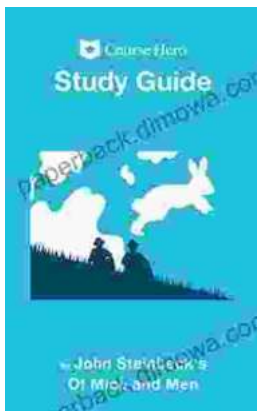


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