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The Arctic: land of ice and the midnight sun; irresistible goal for
explorers and adventurers; enduring source of romance and mystery -
and now also a poignant and imperative indicator of the impact of
climate change. As the ice cap shrinks, the geography of the entire
arctic region changes: clear shipping channels replace immovable ice
and inaccessible oil resources become available. What
are the long-term consequences of these cataclysmic changes - not
only environmental but also political and social? How will the lives of
those who depend on the natural resources of the Arctic
