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Description

A stunning and suspenseful thriller, about humanity's continuous and sometimes futile battle against nature from one of the most popular and bestselling authors in America.

Conducting a strange and urgent experiment of the Arctic icefield, a team of scientists has planted sixty powerful explosive charges that will detonate at midnight. Before they can withdraw to the safety of the base camp, a shattering tidal wave breaks loose the ice on which they are working. Now they are hopelessly marooned on an iceberg during a violent winter storm. The bombs beneath them are buried irretrievable deep . . . and ticking. And they discover that one of them is an assassin with mission of his own. This is classic Koontz.

Insightful reviews

Kaykay Obi: Having dropped the last Dean Koontz book I read, I became a bit skeptical when choosing another book from him. Then I realized something: I love his old books more than the recent ones. By old books, I mean the ones written before the 2000s.

I really enjoyed this book. It was hard to put down while I started reading it. Its suspense got me hooked from two directions: kept me wondering whether the expedition team would make it out of the berg on time; also kept me wondering who among them looked like a potential killer. The pacing is perfect and the narration is cool. This is a very good adventure-suspense. And Dean Koontz just describes everything, making it feel like I'm on the ice with them. I could envision the whole berg, and sometimes (maybe because the weather over here is cold) I could also feel the chill. I love the way Koontz withheld other character's stories until the end, when he laid it out, bit by bits. I kept thinking about James Rollins DEEP FATHOM as I read this one. Captain Nikita Gorov is my favourite character in this one.

Although this book lacks the paranormal elements Koontz is known for, I still give him Five stars (*****) It's a good story.

Phrynne: This is a very early [Dean Koontz](#) originally published under a pseudonym and it is unlike his normal books. Apparently his inspiration was [Alistair MacLean](#) and this book is certainly an adventure written in that style. The story is very exciting and very tense. It all takes place in less than a day and the suspense is racked up as each chapter is labelled as a count down to an explosion which will probably end everyone's lives. It was all most entertaining and I enjoyed it very much.

Lelia Taylor: Icebound
Dean Koontz
Read by Paul Michael
Random House Audio, 2007
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Unabridged Audio Book

A scientific team in the Arctic icefield is conducting an experiment and has just finished laying sixty explosive charges, scheduled to detonate at midnight, when a completely unexpected tidal wave hits and breaks off a huge piece of ice. Unfortunately, the scientists are marooned on this newly-birthered iceberg with the explosives counting down and, to make matters worse, an attack on a team member indicates one of them is also an assassin with an agenda of his own. Rescue from elsewhere is perhaps impossible as a storm is raging, preventing nearby ships from getting there before the detonations, and a Russian submarine commander may be their only hope. Still, how does a submarine effect a rescue when there is no way to get its divers on a massive—and moving—block of ice with sheer walls?

This book has had multiple incarnations. Originally published in mass market format in 1976 under the pen name David Axton and with the title *Poison Ice*, Koontz apparently extensively revised it and brought it out under the Koontz name as *Icebound* in late 1994, again in mass market. An abridged audio edition (cassette) came out a few weeks later, read by John Glover, as well as a large print edition. In 1997, it was re-issued as a trade paperback and then, in 2000, was re-issued once again in mass market and in turtleback (a library hardcover binding for a paperback). Finally, in 2007, this unabridged audio book was released. Whew!

I'm a Dean Koontz fan from way back but had never read this one, for some reason. A major departure from many of his other books is that there are no animals anywhere in the story (!). Suspense is high and rarely lets up; I did not figure out the identity of the assassin until near the time when the castaways do but that particular mystery—and the why behind the attack—take a distant second seat to the question of potential rescue. The Russian sub's commander is an especially interesting character in his background and why he is determined to try to save these people.

Paul Michael is a reader I haven't tried before and I liked his performance very much. He has a clear voice and I rarely had any confusion as to who was speaking. Another positive aspect of this audio book is the short tracks, making it easy to find your place if you have to pull the CD out of your player and then find your place again.

Reviewed by Lelia Taylor, May 2010.

Dani: Wow, did not see that coming.

J.M.: I used to learn loads of Dean Koontz, again whilst he nonetheless used the R. in his name, yet i have never been too monstrous keen on his more moderen stuff. That said, this used to be a fascinating book, fast-paced, and well-written. It saved me riveted until eventually the end.

Monica: *Icebound* through Dean Koontz: one other vintage through Dean Koontz. It used to be the 3rd choice for our publication club, and really it used to be my pick. A technological know-how group is operating on a glacier within the Arctic to assist cease droughts within the usa via planting bombs alongside the glacier. in the course of a violent storm, a part of the glacier broke off. The staff is caught at the iceberg with all the bombs, that may be detonating in twelve hours. there is a Russian submarine intercepting their cries for help. Will the Russians aid or prevent

the team's makes an attempt to get to safety? I had a few hassle getting during the first a part of the book. there have been loads of fundamental characters that I needed to maintain song of. I stored getting many of the men at the staff combined up. and a few of the clinical lingo gave me a few trouble. however the final hundred pages have been heart-pounding, and the final 40 pages have been incredible! I supply it 4.5 out of five stars. I nonetheless love you, Dean!

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