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Thaw Details

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From Reader Review Thaw for online ebook

Mike J says

Thaw tries to take a very familiar premise and create an exciting, suspenseful, story - with mixed results. The idea of something dangerous and unknown being unwittingly freed from the ice has been done many times - from movies to television episodes to books (for example, Terminal Freeze by Lincoln Child.) But unfortunately, Thaw never escapes the feeling of a B-movie.

The broad strokes are great. However, the details of the story continually break down the reader's ability to suspend disbelief and get lost in the book. And, anyone reading books like this *wants* to suspend disbelief. You *want* to take the author at face value and enjoy the ride. But, in Thaw, it's often hard to do.

In the interest of avoiding spoilers, and letting readers enjoy what's there, I'll skip over providing examples of the flaws that jumped out at me. If you're a critical reader, you're going to stumble over them easily enough. But, if you love watching made for TV movies on the sy-fy channel, and can ignore some cheesiness in your suspenseful thrillers, then you'll have a great time with this one.

Sharon Michael says

An interesting premise and a good action/thriller. The arctic weather and landscape were vivid and the characterization was good. Entertaining read for the most part, would have rated it higher except for the inclination to edge from thriller to horror, a lower body count and not quite such graphic mayhem would have made it a little more readable for me personally.

Lori says

Intense read! It was one of the best free Pixel downloads I've gotten for the kindle. I don't expect to ever find myself in any of their similar life-n-death situations, but I was amazed by the amount of skill they demonstrated under such dangerous circumstances. Very believable read and because of that it was SCAREY!

Elizabeth says

book synopsis

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my rating: five stars
challenges that I used this for:
Around The Year In 52 Books
. A book by an author you discovered in 2015

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what did I think of the story:

OMG it had me hooked after 2 pages, and it wouldn't let go, it was like I was reading something that James Rollins would have written, it wouldn't let go after I started reading it, loved the characters, loved everything about the book, can't wait to pick up more by this author and see if there just as good, its a must read , so what are you waiting for go get a copy of it and see for yourself, can see this as a movie if they would do it right .

Barbara Mason says

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The blurb for this book does not come close to the action packed horror that you are about to read. It is a real page turner and you read on because you cannot help yourself.

I would recommend this book to all horror fans. Mr Dunn brings you up close and personal with a monster from nightmares. You feel the arctic cold and smell carrion smell of death and blood. Good descriptions and great imaginary.

Joe Geesin says

Closer to 3.5 / 5

A well written and engaging book, the main characters are well developed too.

The story of prehistoric creature frozen, thawed and on the rampage.

But when the creature does appear, it's a little too much rampage for the sake of rampage, not survival.

A second creature is alluded to, which is only nodded to right at the end, leaving the story open for more.

Lorrie Schumacher says

I didn't read the comments on Amazon before I got the book. I usually do when I'm indecisive on whether to waste my time reading a book everyone says sucks. This one's description intrigued me enough that I just got it and tried it.

THANK GOODNESS!

When I decided to write a review, which I don't always do, I glanced at some of the other reviews and was shocked!

Ignore them. The dialogue was fine. Yes, I could semi-guess the ending. Big whoop.

I thought the dialogue was fine and never noticed a thing abnormal about it while I was reading. Sure I could kinda guess the outcome-Don't the good guys/main character usually conquer all?

What I could not guess was all the twists and turns and graphically described events that occurred during the story. Everything was so plausible, I had no doubt this situation could happen.

Did you know an Iceberg flipped? I didn't. (And I sure as heck wouldn't want to be on one when it did!)

Can you imagine finding an animal or human or even a fish flash frozen in an iceberg? You betcha-why not?

Can you imagine the total incompetence displayed by those supposedly "in charge" that could cause another Titanic-like wreck? You betcha-it's happened before and I deal with those that are "supposedly" professionals and display very unprofessional behavior all the time.

I felt the cold. I felt the paralyzing fear. I was literally on the edge of my seat as I read the last 50 pages. I could not do anything else until I finished it and found out what happened. And the "dun, dun, dun.." ending *shivers*.

Ignore the overly critical reviews and get the book-you won't regret it!

Kasia says

I have mixed feelings about this book; I liked many things about it but at the same time the pacing was working against the story line. I found most of the characters in it to be terrific and believable and I enjoyed reading about their struggles while watching their lives turn to hell on ice but the book took so long to get to the point that I lost interest about sixty percent in, with some intense editing this would have been a much stronger read, there was way too much writing, I know that authors work really hard at churning out those two thousand words a day but in reality they aren't meant to keep them all, you have to cut and slash to make the story tight, the reader should be left wanting more and not left tired and ready for a big break.

An ancient frozen monster encased in ice is released into the modern world eating everything in its path. A handful of scientists and some local pilots are trying to discover the mystery behind his existence and his miraculous awakening after five thousand years. Now I know that even the biggest predator with the sharpest teeth can't be a 24/7 killing machine, he was clearly not hungry, his only aim was to slash and kill.. yawn... did anyone check if he was a robot? Maybe a chip short circuited. Anyways, the writing style was pretty good, I was pleasantly surprised that there was no spelling or grammatical errors which can trip even the best self published works and there was a bit of a heart to the story, but overall it didn't measure up to it's own premise because it was way too lengthy and at times it felt tedious to keep going. I also felt the lack of cold

when I read this, most of the action is either on an iceberg, in frozen water or under bad weather, but everyone was just hanging out as if it was a balmy 70 degrees.. if I didn't know where the acting took place I don't think I would have felt the environment at all through the storyline. There was some cool twists toward the end but getting there was more work than fun, this isn't a bad book but it's certainly not perfect, at least for me.

I have purchased another ebook from Dunn called Creepers because he can write and it looks good enough to be checked out so unless it bombs I will continue to read him. I think Dunn has tremendous talent and is good at adding witty comments that made me chuckle which was a refreshing break when one reads horror and I think that he should keep writing, no one has ever said that it's was easy because it isn't, you bleed into the pages and leave a bit of yourself in them, so I applaud everyone who takes on this tremendous task but as a reviewer I still feel that its my duty to be fair and honest.

- Kasia S.

Roger says

You know, I really don't know how much to say about this book. There is some things I liked about it, mainly the chase scenes and descriptions of the monster attacking. However, I really thought the plot was really disjointed and I hated the use of nicknames for main plot characters, Boots, Nowhere Man... There were some plot twists that just really had no real explanation and seemed like they were no researched enough. Good attempt by the author and worth the quick read I did.

Leslie says

If you look at the cover there is a subtitle "Jaws on the Rocks" you will wish you had something on the rocks when you read this book, probably grain alcohol. If I am going to kill brain cells I might as well enjoy it.

This book is like one of those Eastern European movies that they show on the SYFY Channel, or they used to I haven't watched in several years. We meet our main character a tour pilot in the Caribbean who needs to make money so he heads for Newfoundland and becomes a bush pilot. He is amazing in that like a modern action hero he is apparently accomplished at everything he attempts. We meet him anew when he is piloting a plane out to drop a wreath on the Titanic. This is where we learn about the icebergs. This is where we get to see him make life and death decisions. This is where we meet his co-pilot who is a total caricature of a human being who eats junk food constantly. This guy ate so much name brand junk food I wondered if it was product placement.

Back on the ground they are drinking themselves into oblivion at the Frozen Coconut. When his next charter comes looking for him. It is misogynist, Hayden Lockwood, and is lovely #MeToo poster child Amy Tyler. Both of these characters are complete parodies of real scientists. Amy and Harry see something in an iceberg and convince a Coast Guard pilot to break all the rules and steal a Black Hawk and fly them out to the iceberg.

This is when everything begins to go horribly wrong. (Truth everything started to go horribly wrong the minute I started reading this book) Eventually there will be a giant expedition to the iceberg to excavate the objects. One of which is a strange monstrous creature who they of course decide to thaw out and which obviously goes on a killing spree. Because Science.

The unfolding action/ horror sequences make Sharknado look like Jaws. Good old Dr. Amy seems to have one response to everything. She screams. There are lots of trained soldiers with M16s who freeze when the monster appears. We have the windscreen of a Black Hawk penetrated by a harpoon with an ivory tip. We have people surviving a dip in the Atlantic ocean. We have a crew of a decommissioned ocean liner getting drunk. We have a prehistoric monster who is channeling it's own Michael Myers. And in the end... we have a cliff hanger.

Then we have geographic errors. The story is set in and around St. John's Newfoundland. Newfoundland is 49°N 56°W, it is farther south than London, England, UK. Yet the characters keep commenting about the Arctic. The Arctic is 66.5°, north of the Equator. Newfoundland is NOT the Arctic. It isn't close to the Arctic.

Tim says

If you like 50s and 60s B sci-fi movies, you'll like "Thaw." While the novel takes place today, to me, it had a definite feel from that style of movie. Hideous creature, found somewhere it shouldn't exist, dangerous to man and the hero and heroine are fighting for their lives.

Don't get me wrong, I liked this book. It was a very enjoyable read. The characters are engaging and you find yourself rooting for Harry and Amy (even though they and their comrades make some dumb mistakes). I think that they would make a good team in a sequel.

Would read this book again, and would recommend it to others!

Grant says

The book was really interesting until they found the creature that you know is going to thaw.

Then the story just jumps the shark.

I don't want to spoil it for anyone, in case they want to risk their \$3. The 1st 75% of the book is good reading and intriguing.

I just couldn't continue past the decision for the Thaw.... After that point it got too ridiculous.

Sorry I couldn't give a better review.

Brian's Book Blog says

Better than I had expected, and honestly reminded me of another book I've read dealing with a frozen monster. Bryan Dunn has also sprinkled a few words in here, that thankfully with my kindle I didn't have an issue understanding.

The plot and storyline were pretty interesting and the back story of why the main female character was there is incredibly plausible. Overall an incredibly fast, fun and action packed read. 4.5-5 stars. Highly recommended.

Sherry Fundin says

Harry McNills had moved from Florida to Newfoundland a year ago to run Arctic Air Adventures. His goal was to make enough money to start an air charter business in the Caribbean.

At Cryolab, Amy Tyler was working in the walk-in freezer when she was called up to her boss's office. Dr. Haydon Lockwood was needing her answer about the upcoming expedition. Even though she hesitated answering him, she knew she was going. The problem would be fending off his advances, but no way was she going to miss out on the trip.

The Ice Machine was an ore carrier converted to an iceberg eating machine. It carried tanks to store meltwater from the bergs to be bottled and sold. The water was also used for beer and vodka. While cutting into a fresh ridge of ice, there was a loud noise and the cutting head broke. When the iceberg rolled, it took the Ice Machine with it. They had been able to get a Mayday out and Harry had heard it. By the time they flew over, there was nothing left but an oil slick. When a rescue team went out to investigate, they found half a body with a 5,000 year-old hair on it.

The cover caught my eye first because of the rich, vibrant colors. When I saw the title I was pretty sure I knew I'd want to read it before I even read the description. I eat up these kinds of books because they have great characters, fun storylines and some laughs thrown in. Great story. Easy and fun to read. As I read along, the B movie was running through my mind. I could picture the monster rip tearing around. Of course, you have to have some romance in there. And that's all right.

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Lynne says

A thoroughly enjoyable monster-stomper. Easy to read with an interesting plot.
