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A spur-of-the-moment ski trip becomes a bone-chilling nightmare when a wrong turn leaves Boston medical examiner Maura Isles marooned—far from home and help—in the snowbound Wyoming mountains. Seeking shelter from the cold, she and her traveling companions stumble upon Kingdom Come—a remote village of identical houses that seems to have become a ghost town overnight. But the abandoned hamlet has dark secrets to tell, and Maura's party may not be as alone as they think. Days later, word reaches homicide cop Jane Rizzoli that Maura's charred remains have been found at the scene of a car crash. But the shocking news leaves Jane with too many questions, and only one way to get answers. Determined to dig up the truth, she heads for the frozen desolation of Kingdom Come, where gruesome discoveries lie buried, and a ruthless enemy watches and waits.

Ice Cold Details

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April Thompson says

Am I the only one that thought some of the book felt unfinished? Quite a bit of the story is built around the secondary characters, yet, their story seems to dissipate.

Linda Alexander says

One of the reasons I enjoyed 'Ice Cold' to such a degree was due to the story mostly dealing with a cult, because it seems there are quite a few in the U.S. and it is alarming how much control they have over their members' minds. Tess Gerritsen certainly found a hot topic to write about in my opinion.

Tess just really 'hooks' a person at the get-go, and next thing one is so absorbed into the lives of the characters. I started this book on Monday and found myself staying up all night to finish it---unfortunately, with only the last 40 pages left to read, my eyes would no longer stay open!! Had to finish reading it this morning (Tuesday).

Books that are in the 425+ page category, again in my personal opinion, make me just want them to end long before the last page, but this story was so terrific it seemed only 322 pages was entirely too brief! I think she could have expounded a bit more in some areas of her book, but it was a fascinating read with just enough 'twists' in it to keep me on the edge throughout. Tess is most definitely one of my most favorite authors and I've never failed to be impressed with her works; very talented lady.

Fergie says

In many ways, Ice Cold seems like several novels wrapped into one, interconnected by mysterious details that only come into full light after the last page is read. Tess Gerritsen knows how to layer her novels better than most authors, and this book is no exception. She meticulously lays out the plot without the pace of the novel suffering as a result of it. Ice Cold's story belongs to the character of Dr. Maura Isles, medical examiner from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. While most of the series focuses on work she and Boston homicide detective Jane Rizzoli do, this novel revolves around the personal side of Maura's life. The implications that arise from her illicit affair with a priest is the starting point to the story -- one that finds Maura attending a medical conference in Wyoming, where she uncharacteristically throws caution to the wind after she reconnects with an old med school classmate. An impulsive ski trip turns into a hair raising experience, filled with terror, and ultimately, more questions than answers. Back in Boston, Maura's colleague and friend, Jane Rizzoli, heads to Wyoming and leads an investigative search for Maura when Dr. Isles doesn't arrive home after her conference.

In every Tess Gerritsen novel, Gerritsen becomes the authoritative voice on each book's chosen topic. In Ice Cold, Gerritsen lays the groundwork for a sordid story of polygamy at an abandoned, isolated cult town near Jackson, Wyoming. Readers have come to expect the bends and turns of each Rizzoli & Isles novel. In fact,

this one seems to have so many of them that if the reader isn't keeping pace, he or she may be dizzyed by the amount of twists that Gerritsen has become so prolific at creating. When one part of the story reaches its end, another opens, leading the characters and reader down a new path, filled with more intrigue and questions.

Father Daniel Brophy and Anthony Sansone, two male characters who vied for the love and attention of Maura in past books from this series reappear in *Ice Cold*. The layering that I look forward to in regards to the characters – especially as it pertains to my favorite character, Maura Isles, is most evident in this novel. Taking Dr. Isles out of her professional environment and normal setting of Boston not only doesn't impede the story, but adds a unique opportunity for Gerritsen. To see different aspects of the characters we have come to love outside of their natural element added a sense of adventure to an already exciting plot. The story's many twists and turns converge, leading to *Ice Cold*'s final, unexpected crescendo. Of the books I've read thus far of this series, I found *Ice Cold* to arrive at one of the most surprising conclusions.

Gerritsen knows how to keep her readers interested, invested, and guessing, even after you've gained insight into the possibilities of where she may be leading you. She is a masterful storyteller of suspense with an intellect unmatched by any other crime writer I've read. If you're a thrill-seeking reader, who enjoys plots that keep you on the edge of your seat, *Ice Cold*, like all of Gerritsen's novels, will not disappoint.

Em Chainey (Bookowski) says

Tess ?kar da ben okumadan durur muyum sizce? Tabii ki hay?r:)

Yine Tess, yine s?r?kl?yor sizi kendisiyle ve yine sonunda ters k?e yap?yor. Asl?nda hikaye boyunca bir ?eylerin sizi sonradan ?a??rtaca??n? biliyorsunuz. Veriyor sinyallerini. Bak, diyor, bildi?in gibi de?il asl?nda hikaye. Ama siz sonlara do?ru, "?zd?m ben bunu, katil sensin de?il mi? Seni gidi seni..." desenizde hop tepetaklak yine sizi, "Hadi ya! Yapma be!" hallerine s?r?kl?yor. Kitapta ?l?m de olsa, h?z?n de olsa (ki bunlar ya?amda da var) sonunda yine hayat devam ediyor ve siz, "Bir sonraki maceraya bir bilet l?tfen," ?eklinde bir c?mle kurmak istiyorsunuz, hatta kuruyorsunuz da. Yay?nevleri bunu ne kadar duyar bilinmez ama siz beklemeye mecbur oldu?unuzu bile bile Tess'in bir sonraki iyi kitab?n?n yollar?n? g?zlemeye haz?r oldu?unuzu kendinize kan?tlam?? oluyorsunuz bile.

Buraya kadar san?r?m yapt???m edebiyat sizi okumaya s?r?kleyecektir. E?er yeni ba?layacak bir Tessever aday? iseniz hemen kitaplar?n? edinin ve okuman?n keyfine var?n. Eh, e?er ki s?r?klemediyse o zaman Tess'in yan?na bile yakla?may?n derim ben:D

Bense di?er kitab? beklemeden ?ngilizce'den okuyabilirim. Ya da ana dilimden okumay? beklerim. ?imdilik karars?z?m. Ama kararl? oldu?um tek bir ?ey var; o da Tess ne yazsa okurum be sevgili okur!

Gary says

Another solid read

Gerritsen manages to crank out book after book that is consistently solid, well plotted, and entertaining. I return to this series between my other books, so to speak, because I know I can count on a reliable story with

new twists.

This book blends an isolated cult story together with a generally creepy atmosphere that works largely due to the author's skill in creating a setting, likable characters, and leaving the reader never sure exactly what is going on.

Usually when I have read the number of books by one author as I have this one (I have read each book in the series up to this point), I continue with their writing because although predictable, I enjoy their stories and don't mind the repetition. This author, however, finds new ways to jeopardize familiar characters and unusual puzzles to solve in a typically gruesome fashion.

The characters are effectively isolated and hunted in an environment where everyone is suspect and they, therefore, can trust no one. The plot twists kept me guessing up until the very end, and even then surprised me once more.

highly recommended for mystery genre readers that don't mind a little gore.

*** kyrat says**

Warning Spoilers:

I really enjoy Tess Gerritsen. Even though she often uses the same couple of characters, she manages to keep her books fresh & interesting. So many authors I read get stuck in basically writing the same book over and over again.

I find her characters more refreshing than some others. Especially her female characters -who in other mysteries tend to be merely ancillary side characters or the Victim that needs rescuing. I enjoy that Rizzoli is tough and so good at her job (they really failed in the tv series by making her look like a model though). I love Maura for being so smart & an atheist. I enjoy that she even took what some might consider a daring move by having Maura have an affair with a priest.

She ranges her mysteries from human experiments, sex trafficking, lost siblings & mothers, occultism, mummies & bog bodies. I feel like I learn a little each time I read her books (like how to make a 'bog body'! :D)

This time she takes on cults, which is something I have been very interested in & even took a class in college about. She does present the information very well and realistically (the type of people drawn to them, how they recruit & treat their members, etc.). Somehow though I did not enjoy this book quite as much as some of the previous ones.

The mystery is very well built, the twists & turns do not feel artificial and I was really fooled on exactly what had happened to the town.

I appreciate that her background is medical, but somehow the very graphic description of dismemberment and then rural surgery & then gangrene & madness was a little too much. Also, while I like that she is willing to kill characters and not have the generic 'happy hollywood type ending'. And while I did like that the Cult leader & his victim went down together - I was actually kind of bothered that pretty much everyone except Rat dies. I was hoping the teen kid Grace might be found amongst the cult (like they had kidnapped her for the prophet or something like that). The whole extra 4 people who suffer greatly & then die in a gruesome way due to a confused GPS just felt a little overkill for my taste personally.

The random company that turned out to be responsible for several of the plot points did feel a little bit smooshed in at the end (in my opinion).

I still liked it, still recommend for those w/ strong stomachs & will still keep reading all her books.

Carmela Masi says

This book starts out with all the twists and turns that make for a good mystery thriller with great reintroduction of some favourite characters. However, the use of the cult and the initial introduction from a character that is found to be less than important leads this book astray, sometimes less is also more.

Jenn says

WHY Tess, why????

Allow me to premise this review by saying that I have read every one of Ms. Gerritsen's books and loved most of them (barring only the Mephisto Club). She is a brilliant writer, and the first few novels of Jane Rizzoli and Maura Isles were wonderful, theatrical worthy thrillers. This book was an ENORMOUS disappointment.

For awhile, her books have slowly and steadily become less about the crime and mystery thriller aspects, than about some personal agenda. Each new book seems to be a mirror to what is going on in the world; paranoia about black ops, corrupt government, secret societies and now, in this latest, polygamist cults AND black ops.

The plot was weak, several secondary characters developed and then deserted (this was a good 1/3 of the book. WHY BOTHER???) as if she could not be bothered to finish their story. Several faulty research issues also annoyed me, like building a roaring fire inside of an ice cave she and her young companion built-what survivalist would have done that? They'd have melted their structure and been suffocated.

Both Maura and Jane have become very one-dimensional characters in this novel. Nothing worth writing home about. The overall novel was very disjointed. It was a quick read because 2/3 of the book was unnecessary filler you could skim. It almost felt like the author and editor were breaking the book up into sections with three different mini mysteries in order to create 3 separate TV episodes for the new show... Which BTW, I like, but it is NOT the real Jane Rizzoli and Maura Isles. If you like the TV show BONES, however, you will like "Rizzoli & Isles." Long-time fans of the original books, stay away.

Overall, I am very disappointed. This is definitely not up to the previous quality of Gerritsen fiction. I wasted time and money on this, and am grateful I at least brought it for my e-reader so that I do not have the book sitting on my shelf mocking me.

Thomas says

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This is a tense mystery with more than one villain. Dr. Maura Isles, Boston Medical Examiner, is in Wyoming for a medical conference. The conference is over and she is invited on a last minute ski trip by an old acquaintance from medical school. She joins his party only to get caught in a blizzard on a dirt road. Their SUV goes into a ditch and they walk to an abandoned group of houses on a private road. There is a car in each garage and food on the tables in many houses. Something happened that caused everyone to leave in a hurry and without their cars.

The people that were living there were part of a cult whose leader is still alive. Jane Rizzoli, Boston PD homicide, and her husband, FBI agent Gabriel Dean, go to Wyoming to look for their friend when she is reported missing.

Several more people die and I won't go into spoiler territory, but the case is resolved. I liked the ending. If you are turned off by gore, this might not be for you, as there is a graphic description of an autopsy.

This is book 8 in the series and I recommend reading them in order. I borrowed this book from the library.

Alisha Marie says

You'd think that once the 8th book in a series rolls around, the author would lose steam with the characters and they would transform into caricatures of what they once were. This is not at all the case with *Ice Cold*. In fact, I am positive that *Ice Cold* has to be the best one yet, even beating *The Mephisto Club* when it comes to my favorite Rizzoli and Isles book.

Ice Cold was definitely the Rizzoli and Isles book with the most suspense. The whole survival story line had me flipping the pages at an alarming rate while simulatenously frustrating me because I really wasn't making the book last. The tension, of course, won out and I ended finishing *Ice Cold* in about three hours. Usually when I'm this far into a series, it becomes less about the cases and more about the characters. However, if you take Rizzoli and Isles out of this book, I still think I'd love it to bits and pieces.

Ice Cold was just so creepy, sure the tension was there, but I was a bit scared throughout the whole novel. I was so relieved that I started and finished this while it was still light outside, otherwise I would've been a mess (more of a mess). The plot was also infuriating. Not in the "the author has no idea what she's talking about" kind of way, but in the "this subject just really pisses me off" way. That's basically the way I feel when it comes to polygamist sects, but this was done in a way that I didn't finish the book completely upset (or more upset than I usually am when it comes to this subject).

Now the characters: I'm still in love with them, hence why tears came to my eyes when I read the synopsis for this book. Jane Rizzoli is all types of badass regularly, but she was just plain awesome in this book. Maura Isles' broke my heart with her whole situation with Daniel and I felt so bad for her. I think this is the one book where she shows the most vulnerability. This is also the book that sheds light to how close Jane and Maura really are. I found myself "aww"-ing when everything came to light and how Jane was there for Maura. I kept thinking "Aww! They're such good friends, even though they insist on calling each other colleagues!" I've also been missing Gabriel these past couple of books and he's here in all his shiny and awesome glory. Not enough Barry Frost (I enjoyed him in the last book), but I guess I can excuse that since he did have a significant part in *The Keepsake*.

So, I have to say that Ice Cold was the best Rizzoli and Isles yet. It just started out great and kept on going strong. Plus, Tess Gerritsen seems to be great at not making it absolutely necessary to pick up the previous books in the series (although you absolutely should), yet doesn't make all the readers who already have feel like she was repeating the same old information that we already knew. It was just some sprinkled here and there. Anyway, I highly recommend Ice Cold. It was creepy, suspenseful, and just an amazing mystery read all around. Can't wait for her next book in this series and am so excited that the show premieres in 3 days. YAY!

Maura says

Originalrezension: The emotional life of books

MEINE MEINUNG:

Ich wusste, dass Tess Gerritsen gute Bücher schreibt. Ich hatte ja selber schon welche davon gelesen. Doch, was dieses Buch mit mir angestellt hat, hätte ich nicht erwartet. Denn wenn Maura mal an einem Buch klebt, obwohl sie eigentlich zig andere Dinge zu tun hätte, dann ist das definitiv etwas ganz besonderes!

Aber fangen wir von vorne an. Ich wusste relativ früh, dass dieses Buch das Potenzial mitbringt, mich zu fesseln - mal abgesehen davon, dass es sich hier um einen Thriller handelt. Denn meine liebste Protagonistin ist Maura Isles und ja, vielleicht bin ich wegen dem Namen ein wenig voreingenommen, aber wer mag es mir schon verdenken. Sie spielt, wie dem auch sei, eine sehr wichtige Rolle in dem Buch, dreht sich das ganze Buch quasi nur um sie bzw. das, was sie erlebt.

Auch ist dies kein klassischer Mordfall bei dem dann erst Jane anfängt zu ermitteln. Nein, Maura ist mittendrin, denn sie ist mehr oder minder eines der Opfer der Tat und gerät dabei selber in Lebensgefahr. Dadurch wird die Geschichte auch so unheimlich spannend, denn man jagt dem Täter nicht nur hinterher (was Jane später macht), nein man ist plötzlich der Gejagte (durch Maura) und versucht sein eigenes Leben zu retten.

Selbstredend dass das Buch kaum spannender hätte sein können. Es gab eigentlich keine einzige Stelle, an der ich mich auch nur ansatzweise hätte langweilen könne. Wie anfangs bereits erwähnt, ich klebte förmlich an dem Buch, konnte es nicht aus der Hand legen, bis ich es schließlich zu Ende gelesen hatte - innerhalb eines einzigen Tages!

Rückblickend finde ich es allerdings etwas seltsam, dass der Kriminalfall, in den Jane relativ am Anfang des Buches involviert war, nicht näher Beachtung geschenkt worden war - aber das wäre dann wahrscheinlich auch zu viel gewesen. So ist das nicht weiter schlimm, es geschehen ja auch genug andere aufregende Dinge, die einen das schnell vergessen lassen.

Sehr gut gefallen hat mir auch, dass die verschiedenen Personen, mit denen Maura zu tun hatte, sich so schwer habe durchschauen lassen und man eigentlich nie recht wusste, was bei ihnen im Kopf los war. Dadurch, dass man sie so schlecht einschätzen konnte, blieb man als Leser immer auf der Hut und fasste eigentlich zu kaum einem wirklich Vertrauen - abgesehen von einem Jungen, den man allerdings erst viel später kennen lernt.

Der Schreibstil der Autorin lässt sich wirklich sehr leicht und schnell lesen. Und das, obwohl sie doch an der ein oder anderen Stelle den Leser einen medizinischen Fachbegriff an den Kopf wirft. Doch gerade das macht es auch so interessant, da man hier eine Autorin hat, die sich wirklich mit Medizin auskennt und sich das nicht nur im Zuge des Buche irgendwie selber angeeignet hat.

Richtig gelungen fand ich auch das Ende. Es hat einen wirklich überrascht, denn die Autorin hat es damit wieder einmal geschafft, nicht an einem von Vorurteilen belasteten schwarz-weiß Denken verhaftet zu

bleiben, sondern sich davon zu lösen und dem Leser damit vor den Kopf zu stoßen. So wirkt die Geschichte noch einen Tick echter und realer.

MEIN FAZIT:

Mein Fazit wird euch jetzt wohl kaum überraschen: Totengrund ist das bisher beste Buch, das ich von Tess Gerritsen gelesen habe, und es hat sich sogar einen Platz in der Reihe meiner absoluten Lieblingsbüchern erkämpft. Es ist so spannend, dass ich es quasi in einem Rutsch durchgelesen habe. Bis spät Nachts bin ich wach geblieben, um es fertig zu lesen, musste ich doch unbedingt wissen, ob Maura es übersteht. Wer gerne Thriller liest oder auch nur einen Einstieg in das Genre finden möchte, dem kann ich Tess Gerritsens Bücher wirklich nur empfehlen! Die Rizzoli & Isles muss man übrigens nicht in der Reihenfolge der Veröffentlichung lesen, um alles zu verstehen, mache ich auch nicht.

CD {Boulder Blvd} says

This book gave a change of pace as it takes place in Wyoming. Maura gets trapped with a small group who have gone for a weekend adventure after a medical conference. Their car goes off the road in a snow storm and their situation goes from bad to worse. There were some interesting aspects of the plot and it was good to see Rizzoli and Dean second guess the local law enforcement.

It stalled a bit in the middle. The twist in the plot was good but I would have like to see a few more details at the end.

A good addition to the series...

?lkim says

Bu yorumu Kitap Esintisi sayfas?nda bulabilirsiniz.

Tess muhte?emdin yine ya. Ben bu kitab? nas?l okudum nas?l bitirdim hiç hat?rlam?yorum. En ba?larda gerilimden gözüme uyku girmede, zar zor kenara koyup yatt?m. Ama ertesi gün affetmedim, okuldaki s?k?c? dersler de saolsun, h?zl? bir ?ekilde sona ula?mam? sa?lad?lar. Ben Agahta Christie okurken sonlara do?ru feci gerilirim, bu kitapta ba?tan sona gerilim içindeydim. Konusu beni bir çekti ki anlatamam. 7. kitaptan pek tat alamam??t?m ama 8 bomba gibi geldi cidden.

Kitab?n ana karakteri Maura idi. Daniel isimli sinir oldu?um rahip ile olan ili?kisi yüzünden çok bunalm??, mutsuz bir halde. Asl?nda birbirlerini seviyorlar ama Daniel bir türlü Maura'y? seçemiyor ve beni uyuz ediyor. 6. kitaptan beri ili?ki içindeler ama o nas?l bir ili?ki Maura da ben de anlayam?yoruz. ??te Maura böyle bir ruh halinde Wyoming'e seminere gidiyor ve orada eski okul arkada??na rastlay?nca onlarla ufak bir tatil yapmay? kabul ediyor. Tabi çok k?sa bir süre sonra kabul etmemeyi diliyor.

Olaylar yanl?? yola sap?p arabalar?n?n kara saplanmas?yla ba?l?yor. Ahret denilen garip bir kasabada gecelerini geçirmeye karar veriyorlar çünkü etrafta gidebilecekleri herhangi bir yer yok. Ama gittikleri kasabada in cin top oynuyor, her ?ey yar?m b?rak?lm??, sanki hayalaet bir kasaba gibi. Maura ve de

arkadařlar? bu durumdan bir hayli i?killeniyorlar tabi. Ve grupta meydana gelen bir kaza ile de oraya saplan?p kal?yorlar, kurtar?lmay? beklerlerken bir yandan da kayaklarla yola ?kan biri oluyor.

Bu s?rada Boston'da Maura'n?n eksikli?i fark ediliyor ve Jane onu bulmaya kendini ad?yor. En ba?ta bulunan bir cesedin Maura oldu?u san?l?yor. Hatta cenazesi vs. bile yap?l?yor ama son anda Jane'e gelen bir haberle onun olmad???n? anlay?p derin bir nefes al?yorlar. Di?er yandan Maura ise ölüm kal?m sava?? vermektedir ama ummad??? bir yerden yard?m gelir.

Ahret kasabas?ndaki tarikat da ayr? bir konu. Kitab?n a?l?? sahnesinde zaten ne kadar hasta bir zihniyete sahip bir lider taraf?ndan yönetildi?ini görüyorsunuz, ilerledike de tarikat?n iine dal?yorsunuz. Liderin müritlerine intihar emri verdi?ini dü?ünmemek elde de?il. Kitap ilerledike asl?nda ba?ka faktörler de oldu?unu görüyorsunuz. ?imdi söylemiyorum burada, yan hikayeleri ve de sonucu ö?renmek istiyorsan?z al?n okuyun diyorum. Rizzoli'yi benim kadar özlediyseniz eminim ho?unuza gidecektir.

Ps: Bu arada Regina 1.5 ya??na gelmi? minik haylaz. Ellerimde büyüdü velet :D

Ps 2: Bu da sevgili yay?nevine. Kitapta konu?an ve bahsedilen ki?ilerdeki karma?a sinir etti beni. Jane konu?urken “dedi Maura” cinsinden çok hata vard?. Gerçekten çoktu, durmadan cümleyi tekrar tekrar okumama neden oldular, uyuz oldum.

Jean says

What could be more refreshing on a hot 90-degree Fahrenheit May day than reading a book titled Ice Cold? Tess Gerritsen's eighth Rizzoli & Isles thriller is quite a chiller! What starts as a November get-away for a medical conference turns out to be an unwanted adventure of the worst kind for pathologist Dr. Maura Isles.

Maura meets up with an old med school colleague while attending a conference in Wyoming and agrees to accompany him, his teenage daughter, and another couple on a cross-country ski outing the next day. What a crew! Maura feels like a fifth wheel but tries to make the best of it. The beauty of the snow in the mountains is far better than shoveling snow and battling snowy streets back in Boston. But when the group gets lost and their SUV goes off the road, things begin to get dicey.

They come upon a village called “Kingdom Come.” Thinking they will be able to summon help, the five are relieved. It is only when they are able to enter an unlocked home and find it completely abandoned that they start to feel ill-at-ease. Ill-at-ease? It was C-R-E-E-P-Y. I won't go into details about what transpires. The whole village, which is more like a compound, is unoccupied. There is no electricity. No cell phone reception. It is snowing, and they are snowed in. The group dynamics are rather dysfunctional. It's a perfect setup for weird imagining and hearing things that go bump in the night.

Surely help will come. Maura will be missed. Except no one knows that she's left her hotel to go with this group. No one will know where to look...When Maura does not appear at the airport on schedule and does not answer her cell phone, her friends are worried. Homicide detective Jane Rizzoli and her FBI husband go out to Wyoming to search. Surely she can't be dead?

What goes on at Kingdom Come? What happens to Maura and her companions? Is there something sinister at work, or is it simply the work of Mother Nature?

Ice Cold is quite a change of pace from the Boston-centered novels, and I enjoyed the suspense and creepiness of it. There were a few details that I felt we were left to guess at, but for the most part, I felt that the author captured the structure and the quality of the Kingdom Come community and its leader quite well.

4 stars

Paige Bookdragon says

Pro: I thought Maura would die and her undecisive ass would be sent straight to kingdom come. **snicker**

Con: False alarm. The bitch lives.
