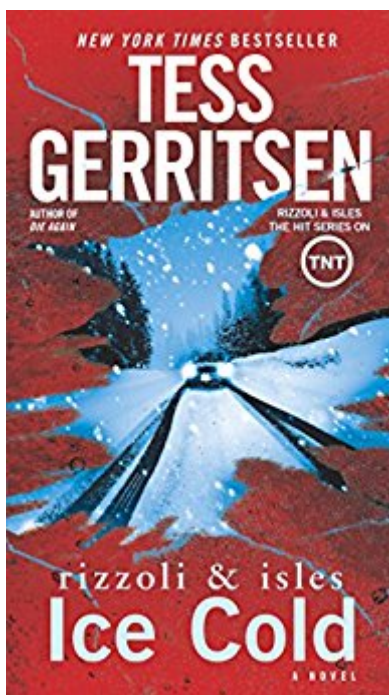


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Ice Cold: A Rizzoli & Isles Novel



Synopsis

This eBook includes the full text of the novel plus the following additional content: **Rizzoli & Isles, In Their Own Words:** learn more about the lead characters in these special essays written by the author **A special preview of Tess Gerritsen's I Know a Secret.** **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** 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. **Praise for Ice Cold**
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Customer Reviews

Not that her other books aren't good, it's just that some are better than others. This one definitely stands out. It starts with Dr. Isles who heads to a pathologist conference in Wyoming. There, she met up with an old college buddy, his daughter and his friends. When their car brakes down in a mountain, the group takes refuge in one of many abandoned cabins. Little by little Maura and the group find clues suggesting that something had went terribly wrong. Homes and vehicles were abandoned; windows were left open and food left waiting on the table to freeze. At the climax of the story, it almost becomes a completely different monster. It becomes focused on cults and corruption. The first half of the story is focused on fear and survival, key elements of a good horror story. The story always remains suspenseful until the very end (and I mean that). There is a shocking revelation waiting behind every other chapter. There is also a lot going on in Maura's personal life and by the end she will have to make a decision that will greatly affect her love life. This is one book in the series that you must not miss out on. Personally, I felt that the focus on mythology in *The Mephisto Club* and archaeology in *The Keepsake* nearly over-shadowed the plot of those books. But *Ice Cold* starts off like a really good and realistic horror movie and then turns into a manhunt. I prefer this one over the last two titles in the series and I strongly recommend it.

This starts off very slow. Very slow. But once it gets going, it's a good one...just work through that first 75-80 pages. And I almost gave up because the first part is terrible! Sophomoric even. I've read most all of the Rizzoli and Isles series and like them. I just wish the author wouldn't go off into these internal monologues so often. I get it...Isles has issues with relationships...okay already. So if the beginning had been stronger, this one would have rated higher. I couldn't go to two stars because it did pick up and I enjoyed it.

For some reason, I am attracted to stories about extraordinary people struggling to survive the trials of ice, snow, and extreme cold weather. When I was a kid, my favorite writer was Alastair MacLain, author of the best-seller *Ice Station Zebra*. The genre poses highly capable people finding

themselves over their heads owing to the evil machinations of devilishly clever assassins compounded by extreme weather that would kill ordinary people in a matter of minutes or perhaps hours. Gerritsen has done a reasonably good job of establishing an icy, snowy, lurking-murderer milieu. Lots of people die. Forensic evidence is offered that even the heroine herself, Isles, is dead. But like Lazarus, she is raised from the dead, solves the mystery, and punishes the bad guys. I enjoyed reading this story by treating it as a grade B movie you stumble on after awakening at 2:00 am. While the underlying premise of the story doesn't make sense, the storyline as delivered keeps you engaged. The depicted players are paper cut outs, but as with shadow-players, they keep you engaged. Will I purchase another Tess Gerritsen novel? Yes, if it takes place in an arctic clime.

In the opening pages of *Ice Cold: A Rizzoli & Isles Novel*, we catch a glimpse of a group of people living on a compound in Plain of Angels, Idaho, called The Gathering. Their leader, Jeremiah Goode, is fixated on a beautiful young woman named Katie. What happens next will remain a mystery to the reader until the very end. Sixteen years later, Dr. Maura Isles is headed to a medical conference in Wyoming, and when she arrives, she meets up with an old friend in attendance, also a doctor. Meanwhile, she has left behind a relationship in Boston that is not working; she is grateful to have a breather. What will happen to Maura, her friend Doug Comley, and two other associates of his in the upcoming days? How will a ski trip turn into a life and death situation? Why does everyone back in Boston believe that Maura is dead? How will Jane Rizzoli convince the authorities to keep searching? And what will Jane, and then Maura, uncover about the mysterious happenings at Kingdom Come? I was on the edge of my seat as the suspense built rapidly, and at every turn, a new threat would present itself. I rooted for Maura, and even as danger mounted, the author offered a glimpse of Jane and her husband, Gabriel, an FBI agent, working to follow the clues and discover what had happened to her. There were several realistic characters who played a part in what unfolded in this story, including a young teenager who helped Maura, and a ferocious social worker who turned out to have a surprising history. This was my first read from the series, but I'll be back for more. 4.5 stars.

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