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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

In the near-future of this uneven but exciting techno-thriller, the Russian Republic's newest super-sub, the Kaliningrad, departs for the Arctic Ocean under hard-liner Adm. Alexei Novskoy'sp evidently ok . His objective: to coordinate a massive nuclear strike on the U.S. under the guise of a routine naval maneuver. Stalking the Kaliningrad in turn is the U.S. attack sub Devilfish --whose captain, Cmdr. Michael Pacino, learns just before sailing that Novskoy sank his father's sub 20 years ago. Why an officer with personal motives for vengeance is assigned to such a vital mission is but one of the unnecessary implausibilities that burden the story line. These structural shortcomings, however, are secondary to convincing depictions of cat-and-mouse games in the waters beneath the Arctic icepack. As told by first novelist DiMercurio, a former submarine officer, collision poses a greater risk than do torpedoes and missiles as the submarines hunt each other at point-blank range, building to a page-turning, nuclear-tipped climax.

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From Library Journal

Russian admiral Alexi Novskoy, a hardline Communist who commands the Soviet Northern Submarine Fleet, wants to resume the Cold War by starting a hot one. Aboard the most advanced Soviet sub, Kaliningrad , he determines to use his fleet to attack the United States. Dispatched to track the rogue admiral, outgunned and uncertain about Novskoy's intentions, USS Devilfish captain Michael Pacino relies on stealth and extraordinary submarine tactics to stop the Russian sub and foil the attack. In his first novel, Navy veteran DiMercurio takes the reader from the Pentagon to the polar icecap, maintaining the suspense throughout. Those who liked *The Hunt for Red October* (LJ 10/15/84) will love this book, which includes an extensive glossary of military terms and acronyms. Recommended for all fiction collections.

- *Grant A. Fredericksen, Illinois Prairie Dist. P.L., Metamora*

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From Kirkus Reviews

Last-gasp cold war hostilities provide an American submarine commander the opportunity to avenge his father's death. Authentic naval detail distinguishes the debut of the author, an Annapolis graduate and submarine sailor. The plot-generating treachery at the highest levels of the former Soviet navy is a standard military thriller device, but the firsthand feel for life aboard a nuclear hunter-killer sub--as well as for warfare under the polar icecap--is fresh and welcome in this not-too-technothriller. At a time when the superpowers are supposedly dismantling their superweapons, second-generation submarine skipper Michael Pacino speeds U.S.S. Devilfish to the Arctic to sniff out a huge and remarkably stealthy new Russian sub. Commanding the fleet submarine Kalingrad over the nominal control of the boat's unhappy captain is unreconstructed Bolshevik Admiral Alexi Novskoy--who's about to implement his private plan to knock international relations back to the late 40's with an unprovoked attack on the US. It's not his first time at wielding his own foreign policy. As a sub skipper back in the 70's, Novskoy, without provocation, torpedoed an American boat that found his polar hiding place. The American captain in that incident was Michael Pacino's father. Novskoy is not completely alone in his plot. He's got a mole placed at the very top of the Pentagon, an Air Force general who keeps assuring the President that the sudden appearance of the complete Russian northern submarine fleet off the American East Coast is just an exercise. The President may be buying that story, but the admiral in charge of America's Atlantic submarine fleet, Pacino's mentor and godfather, is having none of it. He sends his godson orders to do whatever may be necessary to call the Russians to heel. Tense and, when at sea, chillingly realistic. There's a hefty glossary at the end, but DiMercurio's action needs no technical assistance. -- *Copyright ©1992, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights*

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