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Editorial Review

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"The call of Antarctica is loud and clear: Go away. You hear it in the groans of colliding ice floes. In the shriek of 200-mile-an-hour winds hurtling down the Transantarctic Mountains. In the thunder of an ice shelf splitting into the sea. In the hostile silence of a darkness that begins in April and ends in June."

And yet, for polar explorers like Jack Winslow, the call is irresistible. Days after his beloved wife's death in May 1909, Jack, his son Colin, and his stepson Andrew, along with a motley crew of sailors, doctors, photographers, and scientists, set out on a journey to the bottom of the earth. During their harrowing expedition, they must confront many horrors in addition to their personal grieving and family disharmony: frostbite, killer whales, deadly ice floes, lack of food, negative-100-degree Fahrenheit temperatures, bottomless crevasses, a mutinous crew. Endurance, loyalty, and humanity are tested, and no man can be sure he'll emerge alive.

Peter Lerangis's exciting novel is packed with thoroughly researched information on the Antarctic and turn-of-the-century ocean travel. While the character development is a little hard to follow--each chapter is told from a different crew member's point of view--the story itself is thrilling. At the conclusion, the explorers (and readers) are left hanging from the proverbial cliff, as the ship becomes trapped between ice floes. (Ages 9 to 13) --*Emilie Coulter*

Review

Lots of shivering, and not just from the cold, makes this good summer reading, especially on a hot day. --
Detroit Free Press, June 18, 2000

Realistic ... compelling ... [you] see the scariness and excitement of the trip through the eyes of the boys in the story. -- *Denver Post, July 18, 2000*

About the Author

Peter Lerangis is the author of the new mystery series SPY X; the popular, award-winning scifi/mystery series, WATCHERS; and the hilarious ABRACADABRA series for younger readers. Teen thriller fans have made his classic THE YEARBOOK and DRIVER'S DEAD international best-sellers, as well as his X ISLE series (released exclusively in Great Britain). Mr. Lerangis's movie adaptations include SLEEPY HOLLOW and THE SIXTH SENSE.

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