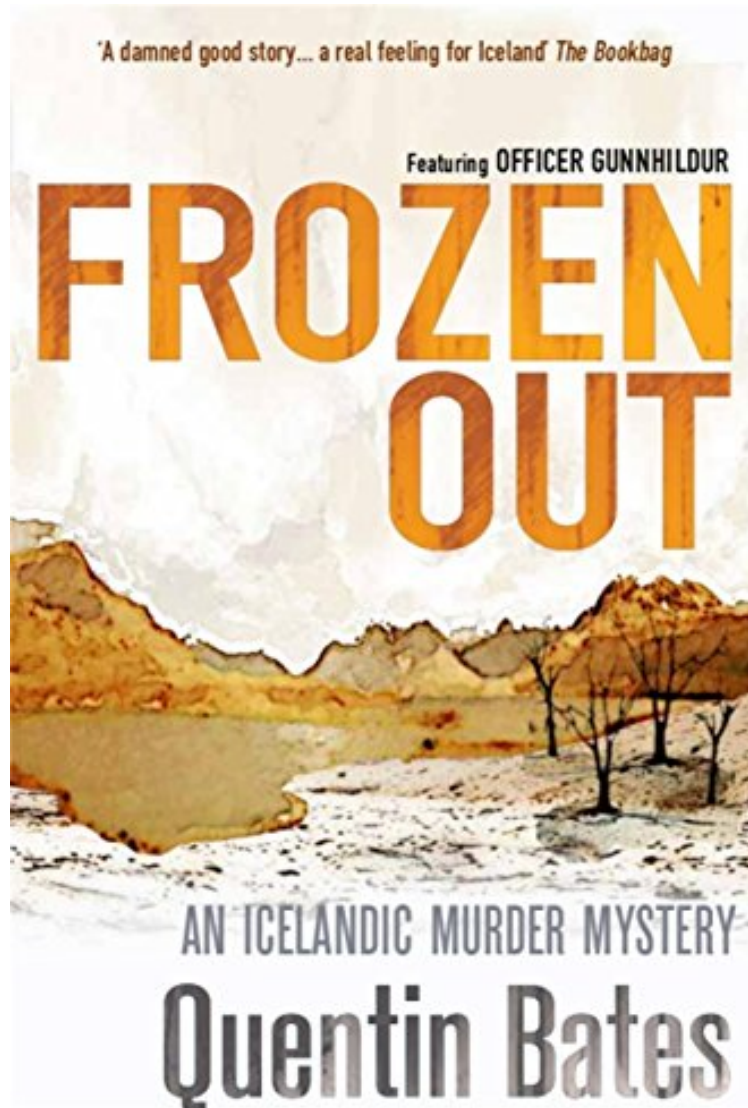


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Von Quentin Bates : Frozen Out (Gunnhildur Mystery) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Frozen Out (Gunnhildur Mystery):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Precisely shaped crime novel with a convincing heroineVon Billi BalooI don't know why I started reading with the fourth book of this series, anyway, I went back to no. 1 now. Frozen Out is definitely not a thriller, nonetheless it's very gripping. I LOVE Gunnhildur, the heroine. She's selfconfident, yet doubtful about her role as a single mother.

She is definitely a woman, yet stands her "man" when necessary. She is very real and I could easily "follow" her. The story is set in 2008 when the financial crisis hit Iceland pretty hard. It may be a bit hard if you're not familiar with life in Iceland but if you keep an open mind it's a pleasure to read the book. There's (almost) no blood, so if you're looking for hard-boiled crime - leave it. But if you're looking for a precisely shaped crime novel with a certain kind of undertone read it! You won't regret it!

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Dream start of a series Von Alfred J. Kwak First instalment of a great series about Police Sgt. Gunnhildur, a widowed mother of two (aged 19 and 13), herself only 36 and a uniformed cop in an Icelandic fishing-harbour village with plenty of new investments, such as an aluminium smelter. Early one August morning, she receives a call about a body washed ashore, then contacts all the right people for assistance. Days later and armed with information about the victim, she starts her own investigation. Question 1: how did the victim, last seen dead drunk in Reykjavik, end up dead 100 km away. Who drove him there? How much to tell? First read Quentin Bates's 4th book, then his 2nd, only now his first, situated in 2008 published in 2011 about a fictional prelude to Iceland's financial meltdown. It has all the ingredients of a perfect, hard-fought police procedural-cum-fight against political sleaze and corruption. The thriller's overall pedestrian pace picks up sharply during the final 100 pages. Throughout, the action is enhanced by incriminating messages from a mystery blogger about Iceland's notables. And as the plot thickens, ever more people get annoyed or scared... Memorable piece of crime writing. As in later instalments, QB is an expert plotter of complex issues, who does not cut corners. He also works with a very large cast of characters without confusing his readers. And the chapters are headed by dates of the investigation, here 37. Otherwise, good background and context (suggestions of systemic corruption) plus a female detective in charge and a killer acting on behalf of foreign and local shareholders. Unfortunately, the ending is not as explosive or satisfying as hoped for.

4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Frozen Out Von Rosy Not a bad read at all; I found myself eagerly turning the pages to find out what happens next - always a good sign for me. I did have some difficulty with the - for me - unusual Icelandic names, trying to distinguish the diverse characters, but why should characters in books always have easy, predictable names anyway? This book is unusual in that it doesn't follow along stereotypical lines, which makes for interesting reading. I would have preferred a different outcome to the story, being left somewhat disappointed at the very end, but that is, of course, writer's privilege and doesn't detract from the story.

Kurzbeschreibung The discovery of a corpse washed up on a beach in an Icelandic backwater sparks a series of events that propels the village of Hvalvík's police sergeant Gunnhildur into deep waters. Although under pressure to deal with the matter quickly, she is suspicious that the man's death was no accident and once she has identified the body, sets about investigating his final hours. The case takes Gunnhildur away from her village and into a cosmopolitan world of shady deals, government corruption and violence. She finds herself alone and less than welcome in this hostile environment as she tries to find out who it was that made sure the young man drowned on a dark night one hundred kilometres from where he should have been - and why.

Pressestimmen A great read - leaves you craving the next installment (Yrsa Sigurardóttir) A meticulously constructed thriller, peopled with exceptionally convincing characters and shot through with black humour. Frozen Out is as chilling as an Icelandic winter (S.J. Bolton) Superior crime fiction set in Iceland... this is a well constructed, well written and satisfying police procedural (The Times) [A] crackling fiction debut ... palpable authenticity (Publishers Weekly) Well written and absorbing (Woman's Way) British author Bates captures the chilly spirit of Nordic crime fiction in what is the apparent start of a promising series with a distinctly appealing protagonist. Fans of Arnaldur Indriðason's Reykjavík mysteries will want to add Bates to their reading lists (Booklist) [With] an in-depth knowledge of just how Iceland works it's a perfect book to curl up with in front of the fire ... We've had quite a few books set in Iceland recently, but this one will give them a run for their money (The Bookbag) A flying start to ... a superb new series (Eurocrime) A meticulously constructed thriller, peopled with exceptionally convincing characters and shot through with black humour. Frozen Out is as chilling as an Icelandic winter. (S J Bolton) Werbetext Murder, corruption and financial meltdown in Iceland's rural backwaters.