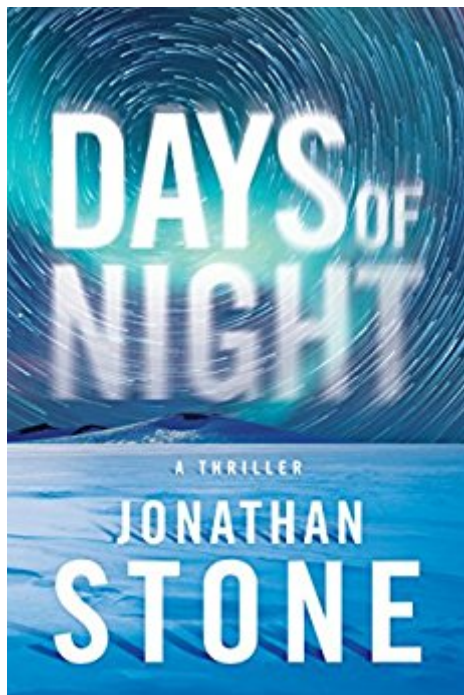


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# Days Of Night



## Synopsis

When retired police detective Joe Heller is called in to investigate what might be Antarctica's first murder, he quickly discovers that winter at McMurdo Station comes with a unique set of challenges: darkness, isolation, and the eccentric behavior of the research facility's 157 inhabitants. But a difficult investigation turns much tougher when all communication with the outside world is suddenly cut off. While Heller works diligently to reconstruct the scene of the crime, evidence mounts that a pathogenic event could be ravaging the rest of the planet. As night descends, fear mounts, and confusion reigns, the killer strikes again. If this is a global cataclysm, is someone now picking off the human race's few remaining survivors? Is this the end of the world—or just the end of Joe Heller's?

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## Customer Reviews

I have always read books by Jonathan Stone. Moving Day was one of my favorites of the six I read. So when this book came out on Kindle Unlimited I quickly downloaded it. But as I read I found it was

quite a bit different from his previous books. It takes place in the Antarctica and while it starts off with a death that Joe Heller, a retired cop, has to investigate - the story covers more than enough information of life in the Antarctica. The cold, the isolation, the long weeks of only nights, the ice and the people living at the station who are scientists who cover living conditions under these terms. With 157 people there and a killer running around, the story takes a turn as they are cut off from communication with the rest of the world. Was there a catastrophic event that happened to the rest of the world? No way to find out and things start getting heated as thoughts turn to survival and confusion. While at first I wasn't sure I was liking this book - the more I read, the more things got interesting and I needed to know how the population in Antarctica was going to survive - if at all!

When I first started reading this, I wasn't so into it. It just seemed so dry procedural. While I loved the descriptions of Antarctica and McMurdo, I wanted a thriller and I was getting Joe Friday. I almost stopped reading it. But a little something happened on the way to the next murder. I started kind of digging this. Stone gives us a really fascinating thriller, set off by the isolation of the Antarctic wasteland. There's something about being stuck in the dark and cold while a killer hunts and you have to face the possibility that you just might be the last humans on earth. The psychology of dealing with isolation, fear, and devastation come into play here, turning what I thought was a dry procedural into something chilling (forgive me), suspenseful, and truly very clever. I won't tell you the truth of what's happened in the world, of course. Just know that the book was absolutely worth staying with. Oh, and Joe Friday (i.e. Joe Heller), I kind of grew to love him.\*ARC Provided via Net Galley

Days of Night is not only a thrilling page turner, but also an insightful examination into human nature. Laden with twists and turns, the reader is taken along for a ride, and in the process given an opportunity to enter the mindset of those who live on the planet's most remote continent. The human experiment laid out by Jonathan Stone is exciting, frightening, and incredibly intellectually stimulating. Can the brightest minds in our population, expert at solving complex and abstract problems, cope with the fundamental and existential challenges that we take for granted? What drives people to do terrible things, and how fragile is our sanity in the face of adverse environmental and social conditions? Where does power come from and how susceptible are we to believe what makes us comfortable? Among others, Stone poses these questions using a scenario that is metaphorically and literally relevant to our time, as well as wildly entertaining.

Riveting!! Days of Night is a cover-to-cover, white-knuckle masterpiece!! Jonathan Stone has, once again, created a company of multi-faceted characters and placed them in a progressively treacherous and entirely plausible setting--- but this time, in the Antarctic. The prose is elegant as ever and the resulting story fast-moving and noticeably filled with authentic echoes of today's world. With all this, and his creative twists, Stone, once again keeps you guessing right to the end. This is the third Jonathan Stone novel I have read and it certainly will not be the last. Get Days of Night, brew your favorite cup and settle in for a terrific ride!

I love stories of very cold climes, such as Antarctica, the Arctic Circle, Alaska, Canada. I'm not sure why. I just know that man vs. the frigid cold has always fascinated me. So this book caught my eye right off. It's basically a locked-room mystery at McMurdo Station, Antarctica. Joe Heller, a retired police detective, is called in to investigate a murder at the Station. He is called in by the U.S. Marshal's office in Hawaii, which has jurisdiction over serious crimes at the American bases in Antarctica, through a recent agreement with the National Science Foundation, which operates the bases. NOTE: I am assuming this is actually true and not just made up for this story. I thought it was rather strange. Heller comes into this closed environment totally clueless about Antarctica and the extreme cold and the customs that have developed there - for both the larger summer crew and the much smaller wintering over crew. This was a great story that had a couple of unexpected twists that made this a totally different story from others I've read about Antarctica. The twists were handled adroitly and I thought this mystery was quite well done. The only complaint I have is that it bogged down in the middle, got repetitive, and had way too many philosophical discussions for my taste. It is still well worth reading. I received this book from Thomas and Mercer through Net Galley in exchange for my unbiased review.

I've read everything by Jonathan Stone. I thought that Moving Day was his best until I read Days of Night. I literally could not put it down. It would make a hell of a great movie.

This book was OK... but slow.... and the sub-plot... a world-wide catastrophe--fizzled which was the hook that enticed me to read this novel. I was disappointed in this regard.

This intriguing mystery takes you to Antarctica's polar research world, and then psychologically where you have never been before! (No spoilers, though in this review!) Enjoyed the intelligent and surprising plot, with well-drawn characters in this "locked room/locked continent" mystery. Masterful!

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