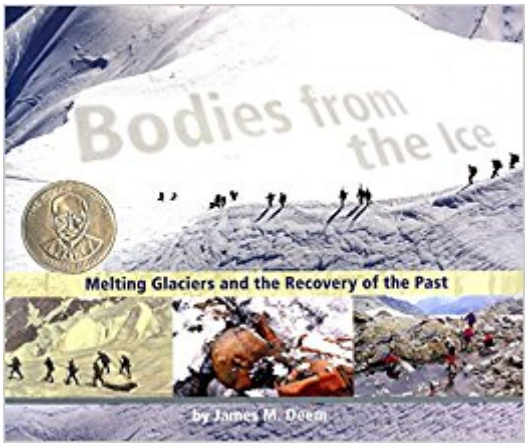
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Bodies From The Ice: Melting Glaciers And The Recovery Of The Past



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Synopsis

In 1991, mountain climbers on the Niederjoch Glacier on the Italian-Austrian border came across something unexpected: a body. It had been a very warm summer, and five bodies had already turned up in the area. But something here was different. The materials found with the body suggested it might be very old, perhaps from the 1800s. But radiocarbon dating proved the iceman was 5,300 years older, from the Copper Age. He was named Ãƒâ “tzi and he is the oldest human mummy preserved in ice ever found.Ã Â In this Sibert Honor Book, James M. Deem takes us on a captivating and creepy journey to learn about glaciers, hulking masses of moving ice that are now offering up many secrets of the past.

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Customer Reviews

Starred Review. Grade 5Ã¢â ¬â œ8Ã¢â ¬â •Deem’s lucid account explores mummified remains recovered from several glacial locations and time periods. The many discoveries presented include the famous 5300-year-old Alpine Iceman Ãƒâ “tzi, the mummified Incan children of the Andes Mountains, and the identification of George Mallory’s body on Mount Everest. The background and methodology of glaciology are examined, as are relevant issues in climate change and archaeology; historical photographs of glaciers are compared to modern photographs of the same, much-receded

ice. Full-color photographs, reproductions, and maps are clearly captioned; grand images of glaciated mountain peaks span entire pages, and detailed pictures of recovered objects, including the mummies themselves, the Iceman’s ax, and surviving fabric fragments are presented. To nitpick one point, Deem states that scientists "don’t understand" why the Ice Age glaciers retreated, instead of mentioning the Milankovitch cycles as a consensus explanation. Nonetheless, this volume provides updated information, including new insights into the causes of the Iceman Ãƒâ “tzi’s death. With its extensive bibliography, suggested Web sites, and a listing of glaciers to visit, Bodies is a fantastic resource. Deem superbly weaves diverse geographical settings, time periods, and climate issues into a readable work that reveals the increasing interdisciplinary dimensions of the sciences.Ã¢â ¬â •Jeff Meyer, Slater Public Library, IA Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

There are books about melting glaciers and books about frozen bodies, but this attractive offering combines the topics in a way that will intrigue readers. It begins withÃ Â a chance discovery by walkers in northern Italy who find a thawing corpseÃ Â originally thought to be from the 1800s. Scientists later realized the body was more than 5,000 years old.Ã Â As glaciers melt throughout the world, more frozen bodies are appearing, adding greatly to the knowledge researchers have about history and culture. Individual chapters cover types of glaciers and why they are fertile territory for housing bodies; the Chamonix glacier, which saw women climbers in the early 1800s; andÃ Â the mystery of George Mallory, whoÃ Â died trying to climb Mt. Everest.Ã Â Perhaps most fascinating to kids will be the chapter onÃ Â recently discovered Incan children sacrificed to theÃ Â gods. The pictures of these children, looking as though they mightÃ Â be sleeping, are arresting. Heavily illustrated with historical memorabilia as well as photos ofÃ Â bodies, scenery, artifacts, and rather simplistic maps, this offers a lot to look at and learn about. Grades 4-7. --Ilene Cooper

I bought this for my 5-6th grader. The adults in the family couldn’t put it down. We really liked the overview, pictures, and multiple background and time frames of history. While my child thought it was disturbing, I thought it was a great addition to our collection that I would keep.

Bought this for my 7 year old and he loves it! I read it to him but he likes flipping through the pictures

This book was shipped quickly but the pictures are horrific. So if you don’t like disturbing pictures

this isn’t your book. If you like death and pictures of dead bodies this is for you. It didn’t work for me.

waste of paper. it might be informative for a slow first grader but not for anyone who is even semi informed.

Bodies from the Ice: Melting Glaciers and the Recovery of the Past by James M. Deen delves into glaciers, global warming, and yes, frozen bodies! This is a very unique book in that it takes a look at something you wouldn’t normally think of when it comes to global warming--how many frozen bodies have been found in the melting ice.In 1991 a husband and wife climbing a mountain in northern Italy stumbled across what appeared to be trash left by careless hikers. On closer inspection they realized that it was a human corpse lying near the surface of a melting alpine glacier. Ultimately, scientific study revealed that the man had lived 5,300 years earlier. Now known as Ãƒâ “tzi, he is one of the most important archaeological discoveries ever made.As glaciers melt throughout the world, more frozen bodies are appearing, adding to our knowledge of culture and history.What’s amazing about this book are the pictures. The pictures show you everything and give you an idea what it must be like for a hiker to discover a frozen corpse. The text is very informative and highlights types of glaciers, the mystery of George Mallory, who died trying to climb Mt. Everest and some recently discovered Incan children who were sacrificed to the gods.The topics covered are presented in an intriguing way that will capture young readers’ attentions and teach them about our environment and history. This a wonderful read that will feed a young readers’ hunger for glaciers and how people lived in the past.

The fast and timely delivery, besides the packaging was great. My son needed this book for school and I ordered it from and this seller as quickly as possible. Of course, as expected, my son looked at the cover and thanked me. Oh, yeah! Did not even read it. Thank you both -- seller and .

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