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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

In the near future, Wade Norton has been sent to Antarctica by Senator Phil Chase to investigate rumors of environmental sabotage. He arrives on the frozen continent and immediately begins making contact with the various scientific and political factions that comprise Antarctic society. What he finds is an interesting blend of inhabitants who don't always mesh well but who all share a common love of Antarctica and a fierce devotion to their life there. He also begins to uncover layers of Antarctic culture that have been kept hidden from the rest of the world, and some of them are dangerous indeed. Things are brought to a head when the saboteurs--or "ecoteurs" as they call themselves--launch an attack designed to drive humans off the face of Antarctica. This is Kim Stanley Robinson's first book since his award-winning *Mars* trilogy, and while some of the themes may be familiar to seasoned Robinson readers, the book is never less than engrossing. As usual Robinson does a masterful job with the setting of his story, and anyone interested in Antarctica won't want to miss this one. --*Craig Engler*

From Publishers Weekly

In the early 21st century, things are beginning to change in Antarctica. Scientists still come down to the American base at McMurdo to do research, but they now bump shoulders with tourists hoping to retrace the treks of early explorers. More seriously, with the world's oil fields almost depleted, multinational corporations are jockeying for position, conducting secret explorations for oil and spending millions to defeat the renewal of the Antarctic Treaty, which has reserved the continent for purely scientific research for half a century. And other, even more secretive groups apparently haunt the Antarctic outback as well: feral human societies and radical environmentalists whose motives are only partly understood. Antarctica is undergoing major climactic change, too, perhaps the most dramatic example of the global warming that has turned much of the world's former temperate zone into a steam bath. The Ross Ice Shelf has largely broken up and the enormously greater Antarctic icesheet may be about to follow suit. Robinson (*Blue Mars*) brings to this novel a passionate concern for landscape, ecology and the effects of the "Gottterdammerung capitalism" that he sees as the most serious threat to the survival of our species. His major characters--a U.S. senator's aide, a professional Antarctic mountaineer and a misfit doing grunt labor at McMurdo--are well drawn, but ultimately the novel is about the land itself. Moving back and forth between breathtaking descriptions of the alien, out-of-scale beauty of Antarctica, gripping tales of adventure on the ice and astute analyses of the ecopolitics of the southernmost continent, Robinson has created another superb addition to what is rapidly becoming one of the most impressive bodies of work in SF. (July) FYI: Each of Robinson's last three novels, *Red Mars*, *Green Mars* and *Blue Mars*, won either a Hugo or a Nebula.

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From Library Journal

Antarctica in the 21st century serves as a site for scientific research, tourism, and industrial exploitation?until a terrorist attack by environmental extremists calls into question humanity's right to invade the earth's last unexplored continent. The latest ecothriller by the talented author of the *Mars* trilogy (*Blue Mars*, LJ 7/96) builds suspense slowly, capturing the beauty of the icebound polar region and examining the motives of those who brave its inhospitable climate. This near-future sf adventure may solidify the author's appeal to a general audience. Highly recommended.

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