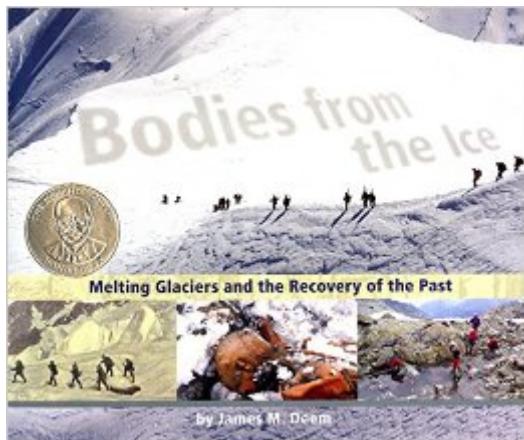


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Bodies From The Ice: Melting Glaciers And The Recovery Of The Past



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 Ötzi and he is the oldest human mummy preserved in ice ever found. 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

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 Ä-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.

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.

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.

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