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## GOLD BURN

Writing duo Jon Land and Jeff Ayers make up the pen name A.J. Landau, and they return with a second explosive thriller in the National Park series, “Cold Burn.”

Agent Michael Walker (“Leave No Trace”) hunts a ruthless, shrewd killer and tries to stop a global disaster from occurring before innocent lives are lost.



A U.S. Geological Survey Team has been dispatched to Glacier National Park and Preserve in Alaska to measure ice thickness. When they arrive, they discover that the sediment has been rapidly melting from warm temperatures precipitated by global warming. In the beginning, fast-paced pages, the scientists find more than they came for. From the unforeseen discovery, a more significant dilemma arises when the team goes missing.

Meanwhile, a body washes ashore in the Everglades National Park, adding another mysterious layer of suspicion

to the ongoing investigation of a devastating ecosystem and the case of a sunken U.S. nuclear submarine.

Landau heightens the tension by placing the book’s protagonist, Michael Walker, in immediate danger, placing him in the middle of chaos

when a shootout at the Sheldon Jackson Museum kills a tour guide and maims a bystander. The plot thickens when a missing artifact, vital to the investigation, raises stakes.

“Cold Burn” is an excellent crime novel, richly layered with history, memorable characters, and top-shelf entertainment. It is an explosive, taut, unput-downable, and nail-biting reading experience.

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