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Review

Praise for *Icefall*:

A 2012 Edgar Award Winner for Best Juvenile Mystery

A 2011 Agatha Award Nominee

New York Public Library 100 Books for Reading and Sharing

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Judy Lopez Memorial Award Winner

"[O]ne of the best reads of the season . . ." -- *Deseret News*

"[A] claustrophobic, thought-provoking coming-of-age adventure . . ." -- *Publishers Weekly*

"[A] taut, compelling mystery and survival story . . . Readers will be left thinking about this one long after the chill has left their bones." -- *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

"[A] superb mystery enriched with powerful, believable characters, plot, and setting, and guarantees that readers will be thoroughly engaged to the final word." -- *Books to Borrow, Books to Buy*, Nationally Syndicated Column

"Interesting, well-developed characters abound. . . . [and] the chilly, claustrophobic, ancient setting is vividly created." -- *Kirkus Reviews*

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"[M]emorable characters, hearty action, and palpable atmospherics." -- *Booklist*

About the Author

Matthew J. Kirby is the critically acclaimed author of the middle-grade novels *Icefall*, which won the Edgar Award for Best Juvenile Mystery and the PEN Literary Award for Children's Literature; *The Clockwork Three*, which was named a *Publishers Weekly* Flying Start; *The Lost Kingdom*; *Last Descendants*, an Assassin's Creed novel; *The Quantum League: Spell Robbers*; and *Cave of Wonders*, the fifth book in the Infinity Ring series. He was born in Utah and grew up in Maryland, California, and Hawaii. Matthew is currently at work on his next novel.

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From *Icefall*

Listen to me.

All of you.

We cannot let this enemy divide us. We cannot let our suspicions and our doubts run wild, or else we will destroy ourselves. Brave and honorable men have died, and it is true that there may be a traitor among us. But if there is, we hasten his purpose if we turn on each other.

We cannot forget who we are. Who we were. If ever you listened to me, hearken to me now.

For I would remind you, and I have many stories to tell...

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