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Catastrophe hits when Will and Devlin Innis lose their wife and mother one stormy night on a lonely desert highway. Will under suspicion, they flee. Suddenly a hard-edged FBI agent appears on their doorstep. "I know you're innocent, because Rachael wasn't the first ... or the last."

## **Snowbound Details**

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# From Reader Review Snowbound for online ebook

## Kahri Lynn says

A train wreck of a book. Couldn't look away, but thought less of myself because of that.

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## Shawn Thornton says

A very entertaining, fun, fast paced thriller with a snowy backdrop. Wrap up and enjoy the ride.

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## WendyB says

[Seems like the bad guys went to a great deal of trouble to take these women to such a remote area in Alaska for what was basically a prostitution ring and baby selling operation. Kinda dumb. (hide spoiler)]

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## Dianne says

My Rating: 3.5 Stars

It happened in the blink of an eye, one minute they were a happy family, the next Rachael is missing and Will is the chief suspect. What will their young, fragile daughter do on her own without either of them to watch over her? Will is left with one answer; run, fast and far and avoid putting down roots too firmly. Even the best plans can get waylaid when an FBI agent finds them, in spite of their new identities. Kaylan doesn't want to arrest Will or take Devlin away, she doesn't even have the authority to do so. Kaylan wants more, she wants Will's help in finding both his wife and her sister, because she has a very good idea of what happened to them. Five years have passed, could Rachael still be alive?

How far would you go to find a loved one? What would you do? **SNOWBOUND** by Blake Crouch tells us just how far people will go to find the ones they love. It tells an almost impossible tale of daring, danger and most likely just plain dumb luck and true grit as two unlikely people uncover and infiltrate a sex trafficking ring in hopes of finding answers, if not the people they seek.

Follow a rapid-fire chase across countries, feel the tension, believe in the unfathomable and the power of love to face danger head on. Sometimes a little too unbelievable, but still a riveting and gut-clenching tale that will raise the hackles of readers, this tale has moments of vicious hatred, dogged determination and some wicked crazy heroics. Sit back and hang on for a ride that will most definitely entertain, and remember, this is fiction, the author has a story to tell and his characters are on a mission they never knew they would be presented with, closure at the least, a nightmare ended at best. Then, ask yourself again, how far would you go to save a loved one, there just might be a little Rambo in all of us.

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## **SUSAN \*Nevertheless,she persisted\* says**

Let me preface this review by saying I really enjoy this author's books. However, it was too difficult to suspend my reality for most of this book.

I thought a lot of the characters were unbelievable and their actions/reactions implausible. I thought the book started strong and began a downward spiral at about 20%.

Though I would love to divulge some of the plot twists had me rolling my eyes,it will spoil it for folks who want to read the book.

Suffice it to say,if this is your first foray into Mr.Crouch's work,I don't think it is a good representation of his storytelling. Try the "Wayward Pine" series.

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## **Matt Allen says**

Blake Crouch can write. Let's make sure there's no mistake about that.

Snowbound was a unique experience for me. It wasn't that I didn't enjoy the writing. It wasn't that I didn't enjoy the characters. I certainly thought the hook for the plot was a great idea. That's not why I couldn't finish. None of that. Snowbound was the first book that I had to put down because of a plot development, in my mind, so off-key it ruined my trust in where the narrative was going.

I thought about it. I was actually a little perturbed over letting myself get so caught up with it. But, in the end, I felt that if the main character makes a decision that's so outlandish with what's come before, so in the face of what I felt the book was leading me toward, what's to keep that character or plot for completely pulling the rug out from under me at the end of the book, so much so that I feel robbed and (more) than a little perturbed I invested my time in seeing how things would play out?

Make no mistake--I'll read Crouch again. I think he's got some great ideas and if you read even the little I've read of him, it's clear he has talent. But Snowbound left me feeling early on that the book could plausibly (but really implausibly) go anywhere--and not in a good way. I simply couldn't sign up for that. Readers have to relate, and I felt I was asked to give Crouch's main character too much benefit of the doubt.

I can't recommend it. Unless you're willing to check all your decision-making opinions at the door.

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## **Char says**

This was a fun, imaginative, fast paced story.

However, some of the characters acted in ways that were just not believable and some of the situations were not plausible.

If you're not too picky about that kind of thing, or if you're easily able to set those things aside, then you would probably enjoy this fast paced thrill ride.

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### **Kimberly says**

I love the way Blake Crouch has of getting the readers into the emotional worlds of his characters. The action in this one starts off immediately. What really makes it a page-turner is the fact that you are sucked into the "emotional turmoil" and get to the point where you simply HAVE to know what is going to happen next! A very suspenseful, fast-moving read--recommended.

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### **Kate says**

I found this to be another solid read from Crouch, not one that knocked my socks off but good none the less.

The pacing was great and I found this to be a fast and engaging read. The characters were fairly likeable but there were none that I really connected to that well. I was somewhat disappointed with the character of Javier, after first encountering him in *Afraid* I expected a much nastier character, I don't think he was developed enough.

The story line was well executed although it was certainly far fetched. There were also times that characters actions were not believable or authentic for their situation.

Still very enjoyable and a great read for pure escapism.

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### **?Susan? says**

This was a good story but parts reminded me of a fast action film, some parts are a little improbable, however, it was an interesting mystery with a surprising ending.

When a new lead in a very cold case arises a man and his daughter set out on a hopeful journey to find their missing wife and mother, who mysteriously disappeared five years earlier. I Think our society has far too many twisted people in it, the depths of human depravity are astounding.

Jeffrey Kafer's narration was done very well and it definitely helped to keep my attention on the story. Good well rounded characters with believable personalities. Fast moving, with thorough but not over done descriptions of places and surroundings.

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### **Jennifer says**

*Snow Bound* is a standalone thriller written by Blake Crouch. The brief synopsis of this book in no way prepared me for what was to come. There are some dark themes running through this mystery/thriller and to

say the ending was a surprise is putting it lightly. Overall, a good thriller that was fast-paced and engaging. Personally, I desperately needed more character development to help me care more for all involved and I think feeling more connected to the characters would have heightened the suspense factor. I think that factor would have bumped this up from good to great! Regardless, I enjoyed it and I'm always open for some of this author's imagination.

**My favorite quote:**

*"Live your life. Fuck the fear."*

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**Bill says**

A very well done and thought out thriller from Mr. Crouch. The characters were fleshed out nicely and there was plenty of action and twists to keep this one going at a brisk pace until the very end.

I listened to this one on audio and the narrator, Jeffrey Kafer, really nailed it. I was never once thrown out of the story or confused about events playing out, as sometimes happens to me when I am listening to a read and get slightly distracted. An easy listening voice with spot on cadence and tone. I have listened to some of his work before on "The Holy Terror" by Wayne Allen Sallee, which I loved.

I like Blake Crouch. He knows how to write. He has a real sense of character and pacing that never fails to impress me. Dude is solid. He has really taken off in popularity since his Wayward Pines series and TV show. (Is it still on?) I have read several of his previous works and enjoyed every one of them. I still need to get to his Luther Kite series though, starting with "Desert Places" and I am really looking forward to it. My all-time favorite so far is "Draculas", which was a mash up off authors including F. Paul Wilson, Jack Kilborn and Jeff Strand. Pure craziness. I dug it.

Major Spoiler (kindof) ([view spoiler](#))

Overall, an extremely entertaining and satisfying tale. Highly recommended. I would also recommend checking out the audio version because it was excellent.

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**Paul Benkowski says**

I don't usually write reviews of bad books but I feel it is my duty as a reader to keep anyone else from wasting their time reading Snowbound. I will say the writing is good. That is all. The plot is the most ridiculous, least plausible plot I have ever come across. First, a middle aged mother is kidnapped on a dark & stormy night. Her husband is a lawyer who after being questioned by the police, on the night of the disappearance, grabs his daughter and runs away to start a new life under a new identity. Pretty quick reaction to a missing woman. What if she was having an affair and slept at her lover's house. Never mind. Five years later we find that the middle aged mom has been forced into a sex slave for the ultra rich in a remote Alaskan lodge, along with a bunch of other middle aged women. Apparently these ultra rich men love having sex with women who remind them of their wives back home or something. Any way, the story ends with a seemingly endless storming of the castle, and everyone goes home happy. The end. P.S. Do not read

this book.

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## Lightrainbow says

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## Monnie says

Honestly, I don't remember the last time I quit reading before the end of a book; my Aries personality is always up for a challenge, and come hell or high water, I try to finish what I start.

Not this time.

The whole thing started with a few plot glitches and a titch of improbability, but it held my attention. By the time I got about a third of the way in, though, I realized that trouble was brewing; I was quite happy to put it down when anything else to do came along - shaving my legs had more appeal than opening this book to start another chapter. At that point, I said to myself, "Self, thank goodness I got this one through one of the free book sites."

Still, I persisted. That is, till it got worse. And when I'd slogged to the 65% mark, I finally said hold enough. There's no way I want to suffer any more fools just so I can say I'm not a quitter.

The book (which, by the way, managed to earn an average of 4.2 stars from 159 reviewers at the time I downloaded it) begins with a decent premise. When Will Innis and his 11-year-old daughter Devlin, who has cystic fibrosis and needs daily therapy, discover that their wife/mother has disappeared, an apparent kidnapping/murder. When the police begin to hound Will as the probable killer, he packs up his daughter, comes up with new identities and moves to a new town where they manage to live quite comfortably for five years. Suddenly, they're "discovered" by Kalyn, a female FBI agent who, as it turns out, is no longer an agent but has learned not only the Innis' identity, but the name of the mercenary who kidnapped her. Turns out Will's wife isn't the only one who's been his victim - apparently, she one of several to be captured as part of a human trafficking operation.

When Kalyn turns out to have no qualms about murdering the "bad guys," Will learns that her real intent is to find her sister, who disappeared in the same fashion as Will's wife. Despite the fact that Kalyn (for whom, not surprisingly, Will has developed a case of the hots) hasn't been up-front about her intentions, she convinces Will to drag his daughter on a search-and-seize mission that takes them to remote Alaska. There, also not surprisingly, they find the Lodge That Doesn't Exist, where the rooms are filled with -- well, I won't spoil the rest of the story by revealing what they find. Suffice it to say that it is at this point that things got

downright silly and I jumped ship.

It may be that all's well that ends well, but I'll never know. What I do know is that getting to that point would take a heck of a lot more intestinal fortitude than I've got. It's up to you if you want to give it a go, but my advice? Don't bother.

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