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Secrets will be revealed when fire and ice collide...

In the exciting sequel to *The Fire Within*, David must uncover the truth behind the mysterious clay dragons. David's quest is to discover the link between the fire of the last known dragon on Earth and the icy regions of the Arctic. It's a journey that will change his life forever, a journey that will bring him to the very heart of the legend of dragons and the mysterious, ancient secret of the icefire...

Icefire Details

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From Reader Review Icefire for online ebook

Everet says

Icefire, by Chris d'Lacey, is about David trying to find the fire tear of Gawain, the dragon. The story begins with David talking to Dr. Bergstrom who is the polar bear, Loral. David, with the tooth of Rengar, tries to find Gawain's tear before Gwilliana, the Sybel, steals it to make a new, real dragon. With the help of Greth, the wishing dragon, Grace, the listening dragon, Grettel, the potions dragon, and Gadzooks, the writing dragon, David sets out to the arctic to the Island of the Tooth of Rengar. David does not find the fire tear yet, but encounters nine polar bears that rule the arctic.

I really liked this book because it was exciting and I really thought David was going to find the fire tear, but he doesn't. It was suspenseful and really awesome!

Anthony says

This book is an okay book. That is my hook. This book is not a very good one, because it is very boring, and can lead to spontaneous sleeping spells. Chris D'Lacy wrote this series of dragon books, without the dragons. There are dragons, just not as a person would think a dragon is.

This book is about a man named David living in a house with his landlord and her daughter. The landlord creates clay dragons that David soon realizes come to life, and have a purpose. David goes to find the origin of the dragons, and must travel to the arctic in order to find the last dragon on earth, which is ironic, since fire does not usually thrive in extremely cold weather.

I recommend this book to readers who do not like a lot of action or suspense in their books, but like calm books about relationships and dragon fantasies. In reality, this book does not do dragons, who are supposed to be ferocious, giant creatures justice, since they are as small as clay dolls.

Daniela says

Honestly, this book was very disappointing. I expected so much more. When I was younger and reading this series, it was so much better. Maybe it's because I've grown older. But I honestly hated this book. I don't see me reading the rest of the series in the future.

The romance did not make sense and the plot was just too boring. As people say it was cringeworthy. I'm so sad that these books don't excites me anymore.

Joshua says

This book is really entertaining with many twists to it. I could relate this text to the real world, because of how the story is set in the perspective of a tenant with a really interesting landlady and her dragons. This is similar to the real world because different families have different beliefs and can have many really interesting stories.

Lauren Wiseman says

Actual Rating: 3.5 Stars

Icefire was definitely a step up from The Fire Within. Going from squirrels to polar bears was a smart move on d'Lacey's part.

Zanna started out being my least, least favorite character. I could not freaking *stand* her. But then she lost what made her aggravating and she became worlds better and I now support her relationship with David. Lucy has a Luna-on-caffeine angle to her, which I just now realized. While she's not my favorite character, I still think she improved in this book.

What didn't work about this book was the fact most of the characters were on the brink of breaking free and becoming the most awesome characters ever. But David hogged it all, no joking. I think had we seen a bit more of Liz, Luce, and Dr. Bergstrom, it would have been worlds better. It would have earned a full out five, instead of a 3.5.

I'll probably end up reading the others we have, because they have a nice new angle on dragons, giving them special jobs to do and making them small parrot-like friends that help out people. And I'm a sucker for fantasy meets the real world.

Seanh2012 says

The sequel to the first book, "The Fire Within", "Ice Fire" can only be described as a great improvement. I liked all the same things but i think what is best in this book was the suspense, the new characters and the conflicts. Those are the things i didnt really find in the first book.

The first thing i like is the suspense in the story. The first story was really setup for the next ones and in the first book the suspense and climax doesnt come until the end and Ice Fire keeps the suspense going. The story stays suspenseful until the very end and also gives a hint of what is to come in the next book.

I also liked the new characters that came in Ice Fire.

The new characters bring their own new stories and also reveal a little bit more about the older and main characters pasts. The new characters also add more mystery in the story which only makes it more interesting. Finally the last thing i like was the conflicts. The new characters bring new characters in whole new situations and that makes everything better. The conflicts in the story make the resolutions and climaxes in the story more exciting and interesting.

The Fire Within and Ice Fire are just the beginning and are not the best in the series but they set up the base for the rest of the series. The book is definitely one of the best i've ever read and i would recommend it to any other fictional book reader. So don't just stop at the fire within, keep reading and get to the other books in the series because it only gets better.

Niranjan Joshi says

Icefire, by Chris d'Lacey, is a 426 page long children's fantasy novel. The book is about a boy named David. He is renting a room from Elizabeth Pennykettle, her daughter Lucy, and their mysterious clay dragons. In the epic second installment of the Last Dragon Chronicles, David must find the link between the dragons and the Arctic, and the secret of the icefire.

I personally loved Icefire. It was an extremely captivating book. The author's fast paced writing style kept me turning the pages. For example, here is a passage from the book: "The boards beneath the tenant had quickly given away, sending him crashing to the soil below- a fall of a couple of feet, no more, but the rubble that had followed him through the hole, sucked by a vortex of Gwilanna's hate, had piled in on top, encasing his body and squeezing the air fully out of his lungs. One pitiful hand had poked through the mound, twitched just once, then fallen flat."

The plot twists and turns and keeps you on the edge of your seat. The way you view a certain character can change in a moment. While on the topic of characters, Chris d'Lacey's characters are also well described.

This is a quote from Icefire describing a character: "Suzanna- Zanna- Martindale was a girl in his department. She was a Goth. She had a face as white as a hard- boiled egg and she dressed from head to toe in black; black tiered skirts full of tassels and fringes that danced across the laces of her black boots; black T-shirts, usually sporting some mystic picture..." The author goes on describing the girl for about a page. Don't get me wrong; this isn't too much detail. Instead, Chris d'Lacey writes just enough to create a vivid mental picture in your head but keep you interested in the story and not sinking in a sea of detail.

Another plus about this book is that it's plot is original. When I picked up this book, I expected a generic plot about a hero boy riding a dragon to defeat an evil witch or sorcerer. What I got though, was something I had never seen before. I had never heard of, or seen, the concept of clay dragons. I think the originality of the plot is one of the main reasons I kept reading.

Chris d'Lacey is a well qualified children's author. he has won many medals for his books. This is a list of his awards: In 1998, Fly, Cherokee, Fly was shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal, in 2002, The Fire Within won the Rotherham Children's Book Award, also in 2002, Chris d'Lacey won an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Leicester, in 2005, Horace was shortlisted for the Bolton Children's Book Award and the Hampshire Book Award, in 2006, Icefire was shortlisted for the Angus Book Award, and in 2010, Gruffen won the Books Factor Award. Icefire(The Last Dragon Chronicles, # 2) is worth \$6.53 (paperback) on Amazon.com. Icefire was published on July 1st 2007 by Scholastic Paperbacks (first published November 25th 1985).

Ival Ty Crisp says

The stunning ingenuity of Chris D'Lacy expresses itself once again in the second installment of the Last Dragon Chronicles. In this continuation of the plot, David finally discovers the secrets of the Pennykettle Dragons, along with the uncovering of a link between polar bears and dragons of ancient times. Icefire is indeed a step up on the maturity level compared to The Fire Within, yet the childish innocence of the first book manages to carry over as well.

One aspect of the book that really impacted me was the description of "auma" or someones inner fire. Auma

can be compared to the breath of God, or universal consciousness. It is the animating force of the Pennykettle Dragons, and it is a major part of the plot. I'm guessing (but not entirely for sure) that "auma" is the author's personalization of the Hindu and Buddhist "Aum" or "Om." It is often referred to as the sound of the Earth... Creation... The heart of existence. This idea is very inspiring. ;-)

All in all, Icefire is definitely a good read. If you enjoyed The Fire Within, you will be satisfied by it's sequel. I will give some warning though, this book seems to open the door to the more cosmic aspects of the series, which may be confusing to some. I am looking forward to reviewing the later books in the series, including the recently released Fire World. Until then, read on! ;-)

Mike Benliyan says

I think Icefire by Chris d'Lacey is one of the best books I have ever read. The book always had you thinking about how each piece of information effects the present and the future. In the book the main character, David, went through battles, polar bears, and special dragon magic. In the last book David thought that the clay dragons were inanimate objects but now he finally realized that they were more than that. He discovered that each dragon was half alive: meaning that each dragon had their own part they played in which they came to life to do. It was worth reading every page of Icefire. If there wasn't action, there were some internal problems. I would recommend this book to people that like to think of the Earth in a different way and also like myths

Chris says

Rating: 2.5/10

...This is just plain bad. It fixes everything that was wrong with the first book, and then proceeds to boil it in a spiritual, cosmic tale that is much too confusing and poorly executed to be put in a children's book.

Let me put it this way: I read novels about time-travel, alternate realities, and spiritual matters, and NONE of them are anywhere near as confusing as this book. It is simply an underdeveloped plot, and it doesn't help that the writing is fairly poor as well.

Also, there's too much suggestive content for the audience. Immature jokes about shaking "talismans" and plenty of lust on the part of the main character, who, once again, does not seem to behave his age.

If you didn't like the first book, don't read this one. I probably won't be continuing the series at my library.

Cherif says

Third choice book second quarter:

Icefire is a great book, Icefire has a lot of action and even more then the first book. In Icefire there is a little drama, a lot of danger, and some adventure. The reason why I said there is danger is because of aunty Gwyneth or really Gwilanna the dragon that wanted the fire tear that Guinevere had caught when Gawian

had dropped the last of his spark. Near the end of the book when Liz was about to wake up from her deep sleep a lot happened one David had met all of the polar bears, two Gwilanna had gotten rid of the dragons in every corner of the house including the ones in the dragons den, three Bonnington had drank some of the snowball after it melted and the rest of the special snowball that Liz had gotten when she was little from a polar bear named Lorel. The very last page was an absolute shocker, a dragon named Gretel which was Gwilanna's dragon before she left had taken the lock of liz's red hair and was trying to bring back the dead dragon named Grockel. I don't want to spoil the book, I hope you like the book.

Christopher says

Icefire is a awesome continuation from the previous book taking the story into a totally different direction! :D The story feels like it is made on the fly and this suits it perfectly because you as the reader as well as the characters really have no idea where the story is going! :D New plot points are thrown in all the time which really keeps you on your toes giving the book its frenetic pace! :D David meets Zanna in this one and Sophia is out the window in Africa which leads to some awkward moments which with the burgeoning personalities of the dragons leads to humour throughout the book this of course keeps the feeling of the book light! :D This works brilliantly and you will find yourself staying up late to find out what happens! Gadzooks and Bonnington attempt throughout to steal the show and Aunt Gwyneth is pure evil and really hams it up through really reminiscent of a certain Arch Chancellor in Discworld! :D

The plot breezes along at a cracking pace introducing hedgehogs, dragons and bears with abundance and reads like a story that whatever your age you can really enjoy! :D Excellent plotting, hard to anticipate plot twists and serious world building! :D

Icefire really expands the world is full of action, adventure, humour ('Going to save Henry's bacon!' Lol) and at the same time vast, a roller-coaster ride and action packed! :D Brilliant And highly recommended! :D

Lori says

My 9 year old daughter brought this book home for me to read. She told the school Librarian that she was checking it out for me, and the Librarian let her check it out as her 3rd book (they are only allowed 2 books) since it was for me.

I loved this book! It was so well written. I loved the characters, even Aunty Gwyneth, who was soooo creepy. I loved the clay dragons, and wish that I could have a few of my own!! Who wouldn't want a wishing dragon, a listening dragon (you could really spy on people ;)), or a writing dragon? I also love the way that the dragons talk, and could picture the sounds that they were making!

My favorite character would have to be Zanna. She reminds me so much of Abby on NCIS! She is so quirky and lovable, and really tries to keep David in line.

I don't know why it has taken me so long to find these books, and it looks like this one is #2 in the series. Now I have to find the other ones and read them!!

Siobhan says

In all honesty, these are books that are fun at the time of reading them but as you get older they quickly lose their allure.

I've always enjoyed dragons books and because of that I think it took me longer to realise it is a rather repetitive read. Not that such a thing really matters all that much with children's books, so long as the child is engaged with the story, but as I worked my way through the series they seemed to lose their fun somewhat because of this.

By the time I reached the fourth book I was old enough and wise enough to realise I wanted something more from my reading. Nevertheless, it was fun at the time.

15andrewsb says

A heart warming and then heart breaking book
