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On a decades-long flight from Earth to another planet, Solace struggled with addiction. Put to sleep for the rest of the journey, he awakes to find himself on a frozen planet whose terraforming has only just begun. The colonists drift through their long lives, editing their own thoughts and experiences of life, sharing them with each other. Brutal murders are epidemic but hardly anybody seems to care. Solace and Karla, who is in charge of law enforcement in the colony, might be the only ones on the planet who have a chance to unravel what's going on.

A fast moving science fiction novella, this edition of The Abolition of Sadness also contains a bonus short story at the end.

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Well...I've just finished this gripping novella that was difficult to put down! Balerno is a new author but I was attracted by the book cover and the title I decided to give him a try and I'm glad I did. This is a fast paced story with plenty of suspense and a few twists I didn't see coming. It's set on a bleak and wintry planet where Balerno creates a fantastic atmosphere. It's quite dark but there are humorous moments to lighten the mood.

The main character, Solace, wakes up after a long journey in stasis to find himself the odd one out on a planet whose inhabitants interact by sharing and editing their memories...except something isn't quite right. As well as a great plot, there are plenty of engaging characters to keep you interested in the story.
