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Award-winning author Cherry Adair broke thrilling new ground with *On Thin Ice*—her stunning romantic suspense hardcover debut. Now Cherry's turning up the temperature, amping up the action, and raising the degree of danger and desire to irresistibly hot new heights.

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Jennifer Wardrip says

Cherry Adair has made a name for herself with the exciting series of T-FLAC books. Each story, featuring a hot, sexy operative of this privately funded, top-secret, anti-terrorist group has the twists and turns of an action-adventure novel and the steam of a high-powered Jacuzzi. HOT ICE is no different, with Huntington "Hunt" St. John taking center stage, attempting to gain intel on a terrorist madman named Jose Morales.

Morales, a man who believes that anyone who disagrees with his beliefs deserves to die, has been amassing jewels, art, and weapons in an underground mine for years. Hunt, assigned to find out when Morales attends to strike the world's population, needs to open the top-of-the-line safe in his domain to gather the computer disks that are there-he's sure that those disks hold all of the information he needs to deter Morales and his mission. The problem is that he needs someone who can open the supposedly uncrackable safe, and there's only one person who can do that-Taylor Kincaid, a jewel thief and safe cracker who is thought to be the best in the world.

Unfortunately, before Hunt can reach Taylor and plead for her assistance, Taylor is arrested in San Cristobel for breaking into the home of-you guessed it-Jose Morales. Now Hunt believes he has the ultimate power chip to get Taylor to help him-he'll bail her out of jail if she gives him the computer disks that she stole. Taylor , of course, plays dumb, assuring Hunt that she has no idea what he's talking about. But when Morales's henchmen come to pay her a visit, Taylor has second thoughts on holding out on Hunt. After all, the man with the power and resources of T-FLAC behind him might be the only person who can keep her alive long enough to bring down the terrorist.

Ms. Adair has penned another sexually charged winner. The action-adventure part of the story is top-notch, with believable characters and situations that will have you rooting for the good guys and crying for the downfall of Morales and his men. The sexual chemistry between Hunt and Taylor isn't necessarily instantaneous, but it's an integral part of the story. Neither one of them is sure that they can truly trust the other, and the situations they find themselves in only add to the age-old idiom of whether they really love each other or are just responding to the danger around them.

I did miss seeing the Wright brothers in HOT ICE, the operatives from the previous T-FLAC stories, but Hunter St. John is an intriguing and sexy new hero, and his alternate aloofness and genuine caring made for an intriguing story. Taylor is a woman that reminds you of Lara Croft in Tomb Raider or a non-vampire-fighting Buffy, and her slow nature of trusting added depth and emotion to the storyline. All in all, HOT ICE is definitely a book to pick up-you won't be disappointed!

Danielle says

Awesome! My fingers are already itching to hold the rest of this book

Kathrynn says

I thoroughly enjoyed this book; found it hard to put down for too long. Wonderful characters, spy stuff, high-tech thievery that reminded me of the movie Entrapment with Catherine Zeta-Jones and Sean Connery. The 7-level maze they had to break through in Africa was very imaginative. This author has a brilliant style all to her own with colorful expressions that had This Reader laughing throughout the book. The setting was all over the globe (Switzerland, Houston, Africa...).

Kathy says

Taylor Kincaid - jewel thief extrodinaire, adrenaline junkie - we don't learn until midway that she retrieves stolen jewels for insurance companies. and she is the best...

Huntington St John, aka Hunt - out to stop Mano de Dios - a religious terrorist group... they have a weapon of mass destruction, and T-FLAC has been tipped off that discs in the safe can be found...

And Taylor robs said safe (of course the safe guaranteed not to be able to be broken into) - unknowingly carrying off 5 discs along with the jewels. to confuse things, the black rose terrorist group wants those discs and cause Laura to be arrested as soon as she returns to their hotel... she had mailed the safe contents to Switzerland before she returned to the hotel.

Hunt breaks her out of jail (after 5 failed attempts in the 3 hours it took Hunt to get it together)... he takes her to a safe house, and in spite of his attraction for her, does his best to intimidate the information out of her... she is temporarily blinded because of head trauma in the jail... but she doesn't tell him anything - in spite of her attraction to him... and when he falls asleep, she slips out of the handcuffs (yeah, what was he thinking - she had freed herself of multiple chains & locks in the jail when he found her), and hits him over the head with the lamp to knock him out... and escapes...

It takes them 2 months to track her down again... and this time, bit by bit they come to trust one another... he tells her who he works for and why they want the disks... and though they had sex on the plane on the way to Zurich, when they get to the vault, she palms 2 of the 5 disks as insurance - in case they aren't the good guys. but then their car is gassed, and when they wake up 3 hours later, the 3 disks are gone... she takes Hunt and his team to her condo, more sex, more talk... and then when she realizes what the disks represent, she turns them over...

Mano de Dios believes God wants him to destroy evil Las Vegas - with a missile hidden underground behind 7 locks, with each lock/environment varied to represent the 7 levels of Dante's inferno... they have codes for 2 locks... and need Taylor to help them negotiate the locks...

They make their way down, bit by bit, knowing when they get there, the Manos will attack... Hunt & Taylor both come to realize they love each other, though both never thought they would love anyone... at the last lock on the missile, Taylor is sprayed with a chemical that makes her unconscious... Hunt rushes her to rescue, and they fix her... and they finally admit their love for one another...

Judy says

The editing, or supreme lack of in this case, in this book drove me absolutely crazy. For example, there was

one section where it was just before dawn, then three hours later (the three hours was specifically referenced as the number of hours that had passed) it was late at night. There were also times when characters' names were mixed up and you couldn't tell who was supposed to be talking or listening or even there in the room. I'm doing a poor job of explaining just how messed up the editing was, but I firmly believe that anyone - even with no training in editing - could have done a better job picking up on most of these grave errors. If I can figure out who to send an email to, I might just write the publishing company and complain to them.

That said, the story line was thin and the characters spent most of the book saying the same thing over and over again, albeit in slightly different ways. I liked the characters and wish that the story line had a more depth to it.

I realize that these books are not great literary works and I don't expect much from them other than to be entertained. After a while, I was more interested in seeing just how many mistakes I could find in the book than in what was happening with the story.

Helen says

Loved this one it is filled with danger suspense and a very sensual hot romance such a great story the first Cheery Adair book I have read but it won't be the last

Desere says

Every woman loves jewels! Rubies, diamonds, emeralds no matter they all rock. Be it the glitz and glam it adds to your perfect outfit or the thrill of slipping on something cool as ice when you feel hotter than hot no matter the fact remains woman love jewels.

But in this read the heroine is not so much for the thrill of wearing them as she is for the thrill of stealing them! And most of all diamonds are forever, men are so not. But Taylor makes a grave error when she steals more than she bargained for, a secret set of codes she never wanted nor needed. But now that she has them it's either get them back to where they belong or use them for a bit of fun.

She does not count on hotter than hell Hunt coming after her, or to be exact hunt her down. The man is all kinds of delicious take me now hot, and soon she realizes the man is just as smart and witty as herself, and also dead set on getting the job done. Hunt and Taylor come to appreciate each other's skills and soon also each other's blazing hot attraction as they lose themselves to passion. But when Taylor slips from his bed to go after prize diamonds Hunt goes into double time as he has to chase her down all over again, but is he still after the codes or is there something more he's he wants to wrap himself around?

This book was so totally awesome and so hot it left me breathless, and begging for more. This author as a reputation of creating stunning realistic characters, mind blowing adventures, kick ass hero's and memorable heroines, and I am more than happy to say not only did she once again deliver it all on every page she did it even better than before!

The kick ass action in this read was so very addictive I wanted to grab a weapon and blow up the bad-guys and yes more than once I was so lost in this read a bomb could have dropped next to me and I

would not have known it at all.

The characters are addictive and you just want to climb inside their minds and stay there forever, the plot is one of pure brilliance and so well thought out, you will just as myself be on the edge of your seat at all times.

The author making both main characters equal in the sense that both know what they want and know how to get it, made this read thrilling beyond belief. I love a strong kick ass hero, but I also adore a heroine that can stand up for herself and fight back as good as she gets.

Absolutely amazing stuff! I highly recommend this read for all Cherry Adair fans, she entrances readers and takes them on adventures we all can only dream about!

5/5 star review

"Who needs cold as ice when you can have hotter than fire in your arms"

Jennifer says

This was my second Cherry Adair and I just don't think she's an author for me. Despite the massive weapon aimed at Las Vegas and ticking time bomb style plot, I found the book a bit boring. The characters didn't engage me and I didn't really feel what they felt for each other. I wish there had been less of the T-FLAC secondary characters and more focus on the central two.

Alp says

DNF @40%

I can't stand the heroine. She's a thief, a liar, a devious person. Every word that comes out of her mouth is a lie. I didn't enjoy her character, not even one bit. The chemistry between Hunt and Taylor seemed forced. As far as I can see, there was no actual spark between them.

I'm sorry but I can't continue anymore. For me, this one was a big NO!

TinaMarie says

She's a thief he's been tracking down for months. Things get hot for her after she steals more than just gems from a safe and not only T-Flac is after her but two different terrorist organizations. Was ok read.

Carrie says

Hot Ice was a decent romantic suspense story and I think I would have enjoyed it a lot more if I hadn't read a couple hundred other RS books in the past few years. There just wasn't anything unique or different about the characters. Nothing memorable. The writing is technically good, but the characters felt flat. It took me a good while to get into the story, but I was engaged for the last third of the book. And while I enjoyed the "Indiana Jones-ish" feel of the last third of the book, it was out of place somehow. The "seven levels of hell" theme required just too much suspension of disbelief.

This book is enjoyable, but doesn't stand out from the RS crowd in any way.

PepperP0t says

4.5stars actually

The best series entry to date (IMO)! Moreover, I was glad to see it. Unlike the previous installments, this one had me engaged immediately as T-FLAC agent Huntington St. John strikes his best Alpha Male pose much to the delight of jewel thief extraordinaire Taylor Kincaid and her many identities. I've enjoyed Hunt from his first appearance in the books and Taylor was an excellent match for him. The chemistry of these two together was great and their scenes together were quite entertaining. Her quick wit and ever-scheming brain kept the entire T-FLAC team guessing, yet her femininity also came through quite clearly. Hunt on the other had, determined not to be the latest victim of "The Curse" doesn't stop being the charmingly tough taciturn warrior he's presented before, and it looks good on him!

For this installment, Taylor has inadvertently stolen codes that will thwart a terrorist plot during one of her heists – and for the first time ever she's been caught. Hunt rescues her and soon the codes aren't all he wants from her, and heck she wants to give him not only the codes but everything else she has ever had. A bit of cuteness allows her to escape from him and the chase is on around the globe.

The deliciously mega-manically and dementedly slimy villain was so interesting to watch it wasn't difficult to envision his nefarious dreams of world domination – because of course the world would be so much better if he ruled it.

Cameo's from the other agents kinda telegraphed the next agent to fall under "The Curse" while working great action set pieces and strengthening the series foundation.

Cheri says

Unlike quite a few others I liked this book. I've been reading them out of order but it seems to work out. A lot of action in this one and of course sex, lol!

Hannah says

Words cannot describe my lack of interest in this novel. My I-don't-care level finally rose too high for me to

finish it. The writing was uninteresting. There was way too much internal monologuing and long, boring passages of irrelevant description. The plot was poorly paced, the bad guys were laughable, and the main characters were simply annoying. I will steer clear of Cherry Adair in the future.

Mom says

Very good -- about my favorite things - diamonds!! Exciting and full of action -- last few I read were boring, so this was exceptional.

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