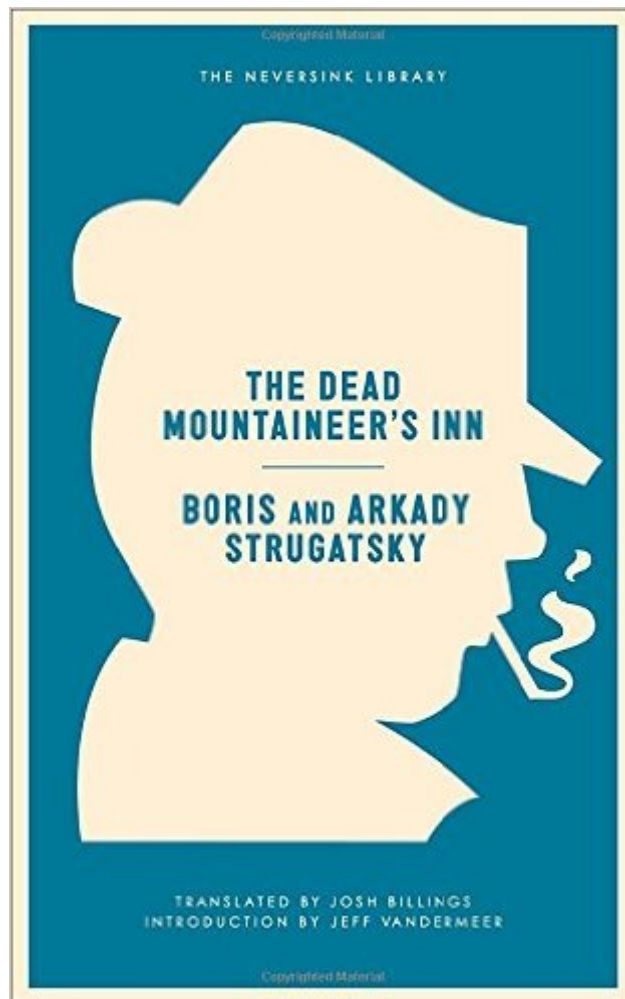


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The Dead Mountaineer's Inn: One More Last Rite For The Detective Genre (Neversink)



Synopsis

A hilarious spoof on the classic country-house murder mystery, from the Russian masters of sci-fi "never before translated" When Inspector Peter Glebsky arrives at the remote ski chalet on vacation, the last thing he intends to do is get involved in any police work. He's there to ski, drink brandy, and loaf around in blissful solitude. But he hadn't counted on the other vacationers, an eccentric bunch including a famous hypnotist, a physicist with a penchant for gymnastic feats, a sulky teenager of indeterminate gender, and the mysterious Mr. and Mrs. Moses. And as the chalet fills up, strange things start happening—things that seem to indicate the presence of another, unseen guest. Is there a ghost on the premises? A prankster? Something more sinister? And then an avalanche blocks the mountain pass, and they're stuck. Which is just about when they find the corpse. Meaning that Glebsky's vacation is over and he's embarked on the most unusual investigation he's ever been involved with. In fact, the further he looks into it, the more Glebsky realizes that the victim may not even be human. In this late novel from the legendary Russian sci-fi duo—here in its first-ever English translation—the Strugatskys gleefully upend the plot of many a Hercule Poirot mystery—and the result is much funnier, and much stranger, than anything Agatha Christie ever wrote.

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Customer Reviews

I got this book on a whim after seeing it in the library. I wasn't sure what to expect but the writing is

wonderful. I could smell the meats he spoke of, feel the fireplaces warmth and see the characters right in front of me from their Great descriptions. If you like mystery and suspense and colorful Characters, you will really enjoy this book.

This is a very well-written, well-translated, supremely enjoyable book, filled with a limited cast of well-developed characters and filled with a wealth of rather profound provocative thoughts. The book is very well-paced, very cinematic and outright impossible to put down. Hollywood- make a movie out of it already! Highly recommended.

My summer reading....Russian Sci Fi and dystopian Lit. A detective novel with a tilt towards Sci Fi by the famous Strugatsky brothers. I'm so glad I read reviews of this book and other works by the authors. There are light-hearted and suspenseful qualities leading to mysteries around every corner. Clearly, the brothers wrote it for fun. I highly recommend this book ...it needs to be discovered by all mystery fans.

This is an English translation of the Russian classic. On the surface you have a fascinating Science Fiction murder mystery. But when you dig deeper and find out this was written under the Stalin regime, it is amazing what the Strugatsky brothers were able to craft and get through the censors. Very well crafted fusion of Sci-Fi and Mystery which is less concerned with the nature of ET and more interested in the human response to a close encounter.

Difficult to get into, but once in, intriguing! I had never heard of these authors, but, even in translation, the writing is good, the plot impossible to fathom out until you get there (good detective writing!) I'll probably explore some more of their works.

So glad it was re-published in the new English translation! The original English publication is impossible to obtain. This may not be a particularly strong detective fiction novel, if viewed strictly as a specimen of that genre. On the other hand, it is a Strugatsky work, with their vintage mix of humor, melancholy, and thoughtfulness. For those who count brothers Strugatsky among the world's notable science fiction writers - a treat that was long unavailable in English. A good translation too.

I loved this book. If you are looking for something lighter and sort of goofy, this book does a good job. Even as the book gets more serious, the ridiculousness of the situation continues to make the

book feel lighthearted. Enjoyed this book very much. If you are looking for straight crime, this isn't the book for you. There is a strong element of science fiction/ fantasy, especially near the end.

Wonderfully translated maintaining the meaning of many wordplays. The story developed gradually slowly explaining itself to the reader. However the ending was rather abrupt and sudden. Would recommend to any fan of science fiction and mystery stories.

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