

Title: Ice Station (adult fiction)

Author: Matthew Reilly

Review: Ice Station is a really good book. I mean I picked it up one morning, and seriously couldn't stop reading it until it was over, at which point I asked the librarians to get me another of his books. The plot goes something like this. In Antarctica, an American research station is drilling for ice samples, when they hit metal. They set up a team to check out what they believe to be proof of aliens, but they are killed when they reach the approximate site. They radio for help, and suddenly three governments know about this alien ship. The race is on, to take control of this extremely valuable resource. The characters are great, and Matthew Reilly has managed to squeeze everything in, even a little love story. I found it really interesting for two reasons. Firstly, it proposes many interesting political intrigues, such as governments covering up huge secrets for the benefit of the country, no matter the cost. Second, this book is action packed. Although as Matthew Reilly admits, the characters don't live long enough for him to develop them, I really liked the characters he has used.

Recommend: I would recommend this book to anyone at all who likes action, and especially those who also enjoy the politics that this book looks at. It is a great read, and I enjoyed it thoroughly.