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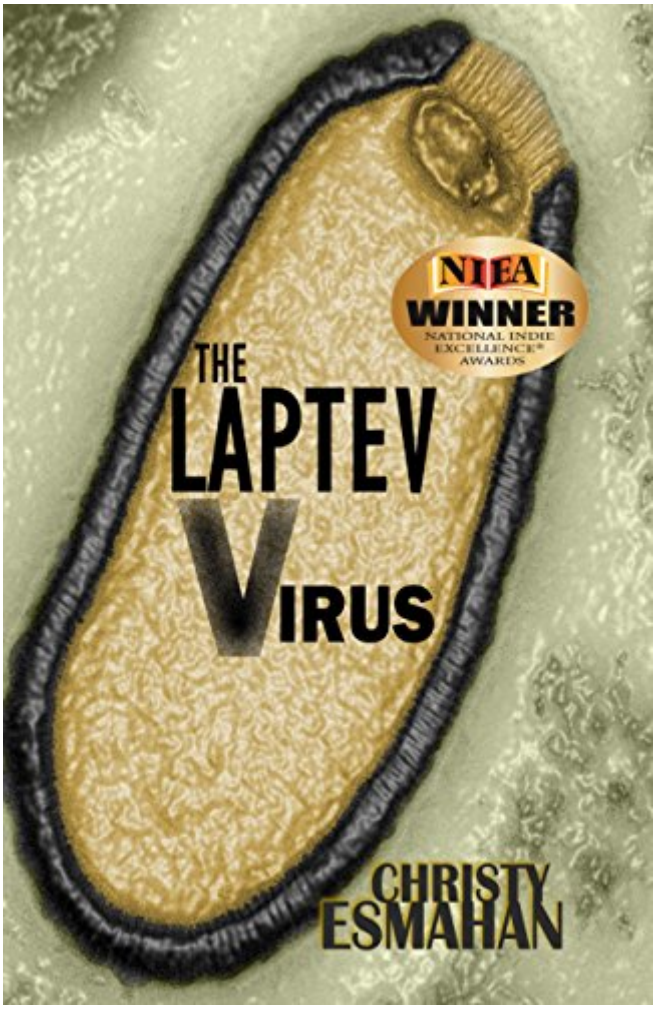

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Synopsis

WINNER of the 2015 NATIONAL INDIE EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR MEDICAL THRILLERS. More than 7000 copies sold!The Laptev Virus is like a medical detective novel. LA screen writer Steven Ramirez called The Laptev Virus â œA worthy successor to the Andromeda Strain.â • If you like Michael Crichton, Robin Cook or movies like Outbreak, this hard sci-fi novel is for you. The Laptev Virus begins as an oil company, drilling in the Arctic, accidentally discovers a megavirus, frozen in the permafrost. It is 30,000 years old. And it is a human pathogen. Just how would a team of scientists go about studying it? And what if the mice models they were using inadvertently became contaminated, leading the researchers to dubious conclusions? Now, imagine if the CEO of the oil company sponsoring the research put pressure on the lab to issue a certification that the coast was clear and they could return to drillingâ ”but it turns out that he is dead wrong? Attention Book clubs--I am available to "attend" your next meeting and answer questions via Skype or phone! Contact me via my blog at www.christyesmahan.com

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Customer Reviews

Once I got started, I could not put it down. This is the first work of fiction I’ve purchased for the Kindle, and I wasn’t disappointed. The story centers on oil exploration in the Arctic, climate change,

accidents in biology labs, a cat parasite, and corporate intrigue. (Too say anything else would be a spoiler). The characters are reasonably well developed and you can imaging having a conversation with them..

The Laptev Virus was such an exciting read! Esmahan's story captivated me from the very first page and kept me hooked up until the end. I devoured the book during my commute to and from work and am not ashamed to admit that I actually hoped there would be just a little more traffic so that I could keep reading to find out what happens next. I hope there will be a sequel because I don't feel like I'm ready to depart with the story yet.

Suspenseful read! I couldn't put it down, finished in one day. This book is a surprising and insightful look into the life of a researcher. It also deals with questions of ethics, first world versus developing world medicine, and what to do when no one is watching.

Excellent story line. The characters were very interesting, I was actually hoping for further development to understand their personalities. From the beginning to the end, I was eagerly anticipating the next chapter, and what was to come next. The scientific detail and accuracy of the minute details, only reinforced what I already about Christy as a fellow student at Miami....she is brilliant! ITs a MUST READ for all audiences...my third time and still learning!

All in all I found the book the Laptev Virus to be interesting and written from a scientist perspective. Think the author did a pretty good job of attempting to explain how a microbiologist would attempt to tackle a microbial problem. Since my background is in microbiology, I was glad to see the author attempt to explain how the problem might be solved. I agree that there was a lot of repetition in places, that is how scientific research is conducted. Now after saying all that, I absolutely hated the ending. I can justify the ending based on my background, but the author did not set it up appropriately. Of course the company would not want to find out any more information than it absolutely needed to do what the company wanted. There's more I can say but I don't want to give away the ending. Overall I recommend the book to someone who's interested in a science fiction story with science methodology.

Okay, letâ ™s get to the point. I thought â œThe Laptev Virusâ • is a great read. For me, this is a solid sci-fi story rooted in actual science. As an author, I like to come up with some pretty bizarre

situations myself. And usually I find myself making everything upâ ”taking care to at least make the premise believable so as not to lose the reader. But itâ ™s refreshing to read a story written by a scientist. This author not only has a wonderful imagination, but she has the scientific chops to back up what sheâ ™s selling. And trust me, when it comes to megaviruses, it ainâ ™t pretty, folks.Michael Crichton, an author who was also a physician and had a wicked imagination, was great at combining real-world science with entertaining fiction. Maybe thatâ ™s why I enjoyed â œThe Andromeda Strainâ • so muchâ ”both the book and the movie. To me, the key to any memorable story is that it must be plausible. And like Crichtonâ ™s work, â œThe Laptev Virusâ • challenges the reader. Thereâ ™s a lot of technical jargon in the book, but it serves a purpose. As an example, I am now terrified of cats!So if you like sci-fi backed by solid research, then I can heartily recommend this book.

I found this novel to be interesting, educational and we'll written. The subject of large virus and how a research lab goes about studying virus in general and how discoveries are made was fascinating. If I had to offer one critical review it would be that the author did not spend enough time on closure. The book ends too abruptly leaving this reader wanting for a more detailed description of the end of the story. But I would recommend this novel to anyone who interests include science, medical research and corporate workings.

February 27, 2016The Laptev Virus by Christy Esmahan. ISBN 978-0-9915091-3-3Copyright Ã Â© 2015 CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, North Charleston, SCThis novel is a thriller which features the interaction between industry and university researchers. It gives the human element and drama among people employing the scientific method, how they are doing it, and how attempts are made to eliminate extraneous variables, how they can come into play anyway, and how they can be found.It also hits on where â œthe rubber meets the roadâ •, and how scientific corners must sometimes be cut to maximize industryâ ™s profits â “ and that there can be consequences of that.There is one small case of someone ignoring the seemingly-arbitrary rules for research, and the consequences of that â “ which appeared good in some ways and very bad in others â “ and how the breach was discovered, what was done with it â “ as well as the longer-term consequences which could not have been found in the allotted time for the research.This explanation of how the scientific method works, and illustration of the consequences if things are not followed, is a good review for anyone. Popular media have introduced questions on the actionsI found the book to be a page-turner, as I had a career in research in a much different environment

than this biological and epidemiological research. However, everything was explained at a level that most people could understand.The situation in the book is entirely plausible, although if it were to become reality, the details would be much different.This book was excellently written, as well as an epilog of explanation of what parts of it were factual, where to go to look up more facts, what parts were entirely fictional.

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