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On Thin Ice: Enhanced Multimedia Edition (Figure Skating Mystery Book 2)



Synopsis

In Book #2 of the Figure Skating Mystery series, television researcher Bex Levy's search for a pair of athletes who mysteriously dropped out of the sport years earlier leads to a host of shocking secrets, a kidnapping and a murder! Containing all the text of the original 2004 Berkley Prime Crime paperback release, "On Thin Ice: Enhanced Multimedia Edition" takes the unprecedented step of including professional skating videos by the Ice Theatre of New York to help tell the story! (An Internet connection is required to view the video. The text may be read via any device or app.) Alina Adams, an expert on figure skating, brings the behind the scenes support needed to compete or put on a competition without prettying up the rivalry and pressure. The protagonist may not be a licensed sleuth, but her work has given her the experiences that enable her to act like she is a professional detective putting together various threads into a cohesive picture. Skating fans will enthusiastically give a 10 to ON THIN ICE, but so will amateur sleuth fans.

- Harriet Klausner Bex's persistence in solving the murder creates a page-turning read that accurately reveals the dark side of a beautiful sport. Adams is right on the mark with her portrayal of the time and money spent on training. This satisfyingly suspenseful novel is a treat for mystery readers, especially those enthralled with figure skating.

- Romantic Times Fans of figure skating will laugh out loud at the descriptions of the skaters, attitudes, costumes and stunts. Non-fans will revel in the finely crafted mystery. Bex Levy is a great protagonist who is prone to talking to herself, putting her foot in her mouth, and slashing at people with blades of sarcasm. Alone, the humor in ON THIN ICE makes it a good book; combined with the interesting characters and suspense, it is a great book.

- The Best Reviews Hot blood runs rampant in the ice cold world of figure skating. No one knows this better than Rebecca "Bex" Levy, junior researcher for a 24/7 Sports New York cable network. The plucky, self-deprecating heroine of On Thin Ice, the second installment in Alina Adams' unique new series, knows that the cutthroat road to gold medal glory is long and arduous and filled with the drama of bitter rivalries, overbearing moms and dads and contentious coaches who will stop at nothing to get their latest skating prodigy one triple Axel closer to the top of the heap.

- Mystery Ink It should be mentioned that one of the characters in On Thin Ice, African-American figure skating coach, Antonia Wright, is based on Mabel Fairbanks, the first African-American skater who paved the way for African Americans and other figure skaters from minority backgrounds to be part of the sport. Those who like murder mysteries and also love figure skating will find On Thin Ice to be a welcome addition to their reading libraries.

About.com/FigureSkating Also available as an enhanced e-book: "Murder on Ice: Enhanced Multimedia Edition."

• ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Alina Adams worked as a figure skating researcher for

ABC, ESPN, TNT and NBC, an experience which inspired the complete Figure Skating Mystery series, including "Murder on Ice," "On Thin Ice," "Axel of Evil," "Death Drop" and "Skate Crime." Her other enhanced titles include the contemporary romance, "When a Man Loves a Woman: Enhanced Multimedia Edition," and "Soap Opera 451: A Time Capsule of Daytime Drama's Greatest Moments." As founder of Alina Adams Media, she works with other writers to uniquely enhance their previously published works, such as Dan Elish's musical children's fantasy, "The Worldwide Dessert Contest: Enhanced Multimedia Edition."

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Customer Reviews

I nominate Bex Levy for most courageous and tenacious heroine of the year!Such great humor in this installment!The drama and suspense kept me enthralled and I am not that huge of a skating buff!Bex keeps me coming back to read more!Gina

I have read this entire series and it is one of my favorites. Since the author really knows the ice skating world many of the characters are based on real people. Bex is doing research on skaters

who dropped out and stumbles across a mystery. The murder mystery was rather easy to solve but there were some twists in the story. This series should be read in order. Enjoy

Bex Levy is a figure-skating researcher for the 24/7 network. Toni calls and asks her to come do a segment on thirteen-year-old Jeremy Hunt. He may be the future of skating. Unfortunately his father is refusing to allow him to compete at Nationals. First Bex has to convince her boss that this story is worth covering. To do so, Bex has to make some agreements and put her job on the line. Once Bex arrives, she agrees with Toni that he is great on the ice. Before she can do much filming or ask any questions, his father stops her. Then he and Jeremy disappear. Bex thinks there is more to this story than just a father not wanting his son to compete. Then she decides to do a story on other skaters that appeared to be up and coming and then disappeared from skating. She begins searching down these past skaters and interviewing them. Some are willing to be interviewed and others would rather not. When one of the skaters she recently interviewed is found brutally murdered, Bex realizes not all competition stops on the ice. She is afraid someone is willing to kill to get their hands on Jeremy for themselves. Can she uncover the truth before anyone else becomes a victim? Alina was once herself a figure-skating researcher and it shows in her story that she knows the business. It is very well written. I enjoy the characters and their interactions as well as the skating intertwined with the mystery. The story is well crafted. There are plenty of suspects so that it is difficult to determine who is guilty before it is uncovered. I also enjoyed her first book, but it isn't necessary to read it before this one. It is a series, but they can be read independently. I highly recommend this book, as well as *Murder on Ice*.

I really enjoyed this book and plan to read more by the author. I learned a lot about the ice skating world (horrible and fascinating at the same time -- a world where the few men who skate are in such demand that the women will put up with just about anything to have them as a partner). The author is a good story teller and the book is a quick read (in one evening, probably staying up too late). There's a lot of New York style wit (snappy comebacks, sarcasm, self-deprecating humor, etc.) and a likeable main character: Bex Levy, who, for reasons known best to herself, works as a skating researcher for "24/7", an all-sports television network. Like the women who will put up with anything to have a skate partner, Bex seems to put up with a lot to have this job, including a jerk for a boss and a truly 24/7 job. The plot involves a 13-year-old phenom, a boy whose skating talent is truly amazing. The only problem is that the boy's dad won't let him go to nationals. Well, the answer as to why is fairly obvious, which is probably why I didn't give this book 4 stars -- there's quite a bit that's

easy for someone who reads a lot of mysteries to figure out. Bex goes to tape him skating to try to convince his father that he truly could medal at nationals, but when the father sees her taping, he pitches a fit and disappears with the boy. Bex -- an aggressive young woman -- goes looking for him, and before you know it, there's a woman connected to the boy who is found murdered. Bex continues to investigate, much to the annoyance of several people. All in all, this book is a great way to spend a rainy Sunday, and you'll never watch ice skating with the same innocence again.

The Antonia Wright character is based on a Real Woman, who was finally, belatedly, inducted into the Figure Skating Hall of Fame in 1997. Her name was Mabel Fairbanks, and she DID break the "color barrier" in ice skating, not for herself, but for her many students. Anyone who wants to know more about her can start with this article:[...] I love Alina Adams's Figure Skating mysteries... I was lucky enough to avoid the weird world of amateur competition by becoming a professional skater the minute I graduated from high school in 1957. But the worlds do have their similarities, and I felt like I'd come "home" while reading this novel. Ms. Adams has the personalities and politics down pat. The touches of humor ring true, too. Mostly, though, I love the fact that Ms. Adams cares enough about Mabel's life story to create a fictional character based on her. IMO, everyone should know more about this remarkable woman.

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