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Scientist-turned-Novelist Releases Second Novel in The Antarctic Murders Trilogy:

Unfinished Business: Pursuit of an Antarctic Killer

“This didn’t start out to be a Trilogy,” says scientist-turned-novelist Theodore J. (Ted) Cohen, when asked about his latest thriller, *Unfinished Business: Pursuit of an Antarctic Killer*. “When I wrote the post-modern novel *Frozen in Time: Murder at the Bottom of the World* (AuthorHouse 2010), which is based on real events in my life, I was content to let the story end with ‘Ted Stone’ [a fictionalized Ted Cohen] receiving a postcard in March, 1965, from Señora Maria Barbudo, the widow of Chilean Navy Lieutenant-Commander Cristian Barbudo, wishing Stone a Happy New Year from her and Captain Roberto Muñoz. As readers of *Frozen in Time* know, Barbudo was the man with whom Stone had been trapped in a crevasse on the Antarctic Peninsula during the 16th Chilean Expedition to the Antarctic. But the receipt of the postcard left myriad unanswered questions, all of which seemed to bother many readers, not the least of whom were Cohen’s two daughters, Missy and Stephanie.”



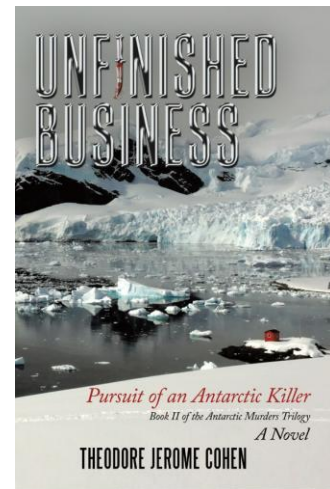
“What happened?” they yelled into the phone, in mock anger. “You can’t do this to us! You just can’t leave us hanging!” As much as he attempted to explain a post-modern novel required some ‘home assembly,’ and the reader did have to put some effort into interpreting the book, his daughters were not mollified. “So, I decided to fill in some of the blanks by writing not a sequel, but rather, a book that covered the period from March, 1962, when Stone returned to the University of Wisconsin-Madison from the Chilean Antarctic, and the receipt of the postcard. But, of course, I knew I’d still have problems with my readers, so the idea of doing the Trilogy was borne.” Cohen now is fast at work on Book III, which he revealed will carry the prophetic title *End Game: Irrational Acts, Tragic Consequences*. “I hope everyone finally will be satisfied,” he laughed, “though I doubt it.”

Unfinished Business picks up the story begun in Book I with the return of the crate containing Señora Rodriguez’ refrigerator from Antarctica to Arica aboard Corvette Captain Roberto Muñoz’ ship, the *Lientur*. The refrigerator was a gift from her late husband, Leonardo, who was killed in the Antarctic by an orca. The refrigerator had been stored at Chilean Army Base O’Higgins during the austral summer of 1961-1962 under an agreement between the Chilean Army and personnel who volunteered for Antarctic duty. This agreement allowed officers and enlisted men to bring expensive, imported appliances with them to the Antarctic with the understanding that they would pay none of Chile’s onerous import taxes on the goods when they

were returned to the mainland. What makes Señora Rodríguez' refrigerator so special is that, unbeknownst to her, it holds the spoils from a major bank robbery in Talcahuano, Chile, which occurred in the aftermath of the Great Chilean Earthquake of May 22, 1960. But in addition to Señora Rodríguez' husband, the two men who committed the robbery, Chief Warrant Officer Raul Lucero and Chief Petty Officer Eduardo Bellolio, and the officer who was trailing them, Lieutenant Barbudo, are dead. Now, the two Navy non-commissioned officers from Santiago who secretly played a part in tipping off Lucero and Bellolio to the fact that Commander Barbudo was closing in on them have travelled to Arica to obtain the release of the refrigerator from the Fleet Warehouse. It is their intent to steal the loot before they deliver the appliance to Señora Rodríguez. In the process, something goes terribly wrong.

“I introduce two important characters in *Unfinished Business*: Corvette Captain Mateo Valderas and Lieutenant-Commander Antonio Del Rio,” says Cohen. “They are from the Navy’s Office of Internal Affairs and have been sent to Arica to solve a murder on the naval base. In the process, they stumble on something larger, something linked to the 1960 bank robbery in Talcahuano. They suspect that Captain Muñoz is involved up to his neck. And the fact that Valderas and Muñoz were classmates at the Chilean Naval Academy and fierce competitors on the Academy’s *fútbol* field only serves to heighten the drama.”

Unfinished Business, like *Frozen in Time*, is a work of fiction based on real events that took place between 1960 and 1965. It is a tale of greed, betrayal, and murder—one in which the reader is given a window into the frozen world at the bottom of the Earth that few people will ever read about, much less experience. “As is the case with many of my writings,” says Cohen, “it explores why, though seemingly unfair, bad things happen to good people; how the battle between good and evil can change forever even the most innocent person; and most of all, the role deception plays in Nature, Man, and Life.”



Theodore Jerome Cohen's *Unfinished Business: Pursuit of an Antarctic Killer*, Book II in The Antarctic Murders Trilogy, is available for purchase at Web sites such as AuthorHouse.com, BarnesandNoble.com, Amazon.com, Borders.com, Target.com, and Books-a-million.com as well as over 26,000 retailers who use book wholesalers such as Ingram Book Company, Baker & Taylor, and Bowkers Books in Print., *Frozen in Time: Murder at the Bottom of the World*, Book I in The Antarctic Murders Trilogy, also is available from these outlets, as is Cohen's first novel, *Full Circle: A Dream Denied, A Vision Fulfilled*. All of these novels are available in eBook format for Kindle®, Nook®, iPad®, Kobo®, and other eReaders that take the EPUB format.

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