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Scientist-turned-Novelist Releases Third Book in the Antarctic Murders Trilogy:

End Game: Irrational Acts, Tragic Consequences

"Maybe this will finally stop the phone calls, e-mails, and questions over dinner," laughs scientist-turned-novelist Theodore J. (Ted) Cohen, when asked about his latest thriller, *End Game: Irrational Acts, Tragic Consequences*. "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 questions unanswered, all of which seemed to bother many readers, not the least of whom were Cohen's two daughters, Missy and Stephanie.



"They and others kept questioning me as to whether Captain Muñoz was still in the Chilean Navy; what were he and Maria doing in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, together; what happened to the loot taken from the bank in Talcahuano, Chile, and so on. There was no end to their questions. So, I decided to write a Trilogy. Book II, *Unfinished Business: Pursuit of an Antarctic Killer* (AuthorHouse, 2010) is *not* a sequel. Rather, it covers the period from March, 1962, when Stone returned to the University of Wisconsin-Madison from the Chilean Antarctic, to the receipt of the postcard. The title serves a dual purpose. First, it betrays the fact that someone in the story is taking care of 'unfinished business'. Second, it suggests that even when the reader finishes the book, he or she will find

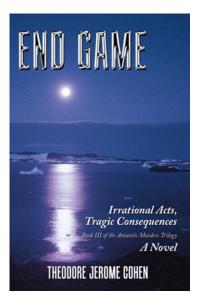
there still is 'unfinished business' to be addressed. With Book III available, I hope everyone will finally be satisfied! But I doubt it. Given that my novels are post-modern, there always will be some things that the readers will have to figure out for themselves."

End Game picks up the story of the robbery of the Banco Central de Chile's branch in Talcahuano in May, 1960, and the murders that followed. Captain Muñoz now has a new assignment as an International Liaison Officer in Fleet Headquarters, Santiago. Captain Mateo Valderas and Lieutenant-Commander Antonio Del Río, from the Navy's Office of Internal

Affairs, while no longer pursuing Muñoz *actively*, still take an intense interest in his activities. Their interest is piqued, however, by a chance meeting between Muñoz and Valderas at a concert in Santiago. "Things escalate from there," says Cohen, "and the pace picks up considerably as Valderas and Del Río uncover important facts about Captain Muñoz' life previously unknown to them. As always, however, Muñoz stays one step ahead of them."

End Game, like Frozen in Time and Unfinished Business, 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 *End Game: Irrational Acts, Tragic Consequences*, Book III in the Antarctic Murders Trilogy, is available for purchase at Web sites such as AuthorHouse.com, Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.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 Bowers Books in Print. Frozen in Time: Murder at the Bottom of the World, and Unfinished Business: Pursuit of an Antarctic Killer, also are available from these outlets, as is Cohen's first novel, Full Circle: A Dream Denied, A Vision Fulfilled (AuthorHouse, 2009), and fourth novel, Death by Wall Street: Rampage of the Bulls (AuthorHouse, 2010). All of these novels are available in eBook format for Kindle® and for Nook® and other eReaders that take the EPUB format.

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