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## **Scientist Launches Second Novel: An Antarctic Adventure-Murder Mystery**

It has been almost 50 years since scientist Theodore J. (Ted) Cohen spent four months on the North Antarctic Peninsula. There, he and a colleague conducted scientific studies throughout the 1961-62 Austral summer. Many times in those intervening years, Cohen thought about the harrowing experiences that almost cost them their lives as they moved among their various work sites on the Peninsula, the nearby offshore islands, and the Chilean bases in the South Shetland Islands.



“Many times our lives were in danger! If it was not related to the potential openings of crevasses and the calving of the Continental Glacier—which sent thousands of tons of snow and ice into the waters near the areas where we were working—it involved orca pods and Leopard seals that might mistake our shadows on the floating ice as seals sunning themselves in the 24-hour Antarctic sun. There also was the ever-present threat that within hours, the weather could change from sunny and calm to a full-blown Beaufort Force 12 gale, with winds exceeding 73 miles per hour and wave heights exceeding 45 feet. If that sounds familiar, it’s because Beaufort Force 12 defines a “hurricane.” Add a major Chilean earthquake, a bank theft, and a few murders to the mix, and you have the makings of a good Antarctic adventure-murder mystery! The story is told in *Frozen in Time: Murder at the Bottom of the World*, Cohen’s new novel from *AuthorHouse*.

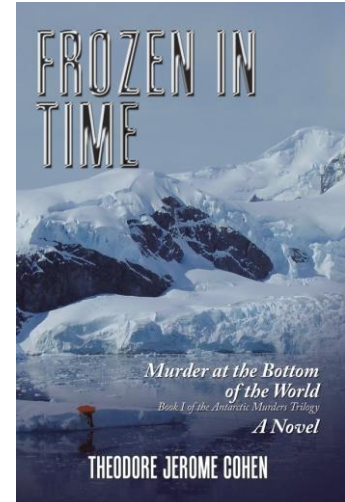
“I started writing this story in 1962 while in the Antarctic. There, I developed the material as a short-story intended for submission to *Playboy* magazine. Somehow, the manuscript, which only existed in handwritten form on the back of some blank radiograms, was lost on my return trip to the United States. What with graduate studies, marriage, the Army, and starting a family and career, the whole idea of capturing our unusual experiences in a fictional piece simply faded away . . . until late last year. Then, the idea to begin writing again occurred to me as I was going through old 35mm slides that I was having converted to digital format.

The story chronicles how Cohen (who goes under the name “Ted Stone” in the novel), after finishing his Masters degree in Physics joined UW-M’s Geophysical and Polar Research Center to assist fellow scientist “Grant Morris” collect the rock and fossil samples Morris needs to complete his Ph.D. thesis. Stone also will be conducting his own geophysical studies. Together,

they travel to Punta Arenas, Chile, where they join the 16<sup>th</sup> Chilean Expedition to the Antarctic, which takes them Base Bernardo O'Higgins on the Antarctic Peninsula. On that expedition are two Chilean Navy non-commissioned officers who robbed the Banco Central de Chile in Talcahuano following The Great Chilean Earthquake of 1960. The currency, negotiable securities, coins, and jewelry they took from safety deposit boxes in the bank now are hidden in a crate that is on its way to Antarctica as well. Once the Expedition has been completed, that crate is to be shipped to the home of a friend of one of the two Navy non-coms, Chilean Army First Sergeant Leonardo Rodríguez assigned, who is assigned to Base O'Higgins for the duration of the Expedition.

When Sergeant Rodríguez fails to return from a seal hunt in the waters around the base, the two Chilean Navy non-commissioned officers become Lieutenant-Commander Cristian Barbudo's prime theft and murder suspects. Fearing he will die, Barbudo reveals the identity of his two suspects to Stone, thereby placing Stone's life in jeopardy. But who can Stone trust with this information, if it comes to that, to see justice done?

This story is a work of fiction based on real events that took place between 1958 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 ever will read about, much less experience. Among other things, 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 *Frozen in Time* 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. Cohen's first novel, *Full Circle: A Dream Denied, A Vision Fulfilled*, also is available from these outlets.

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