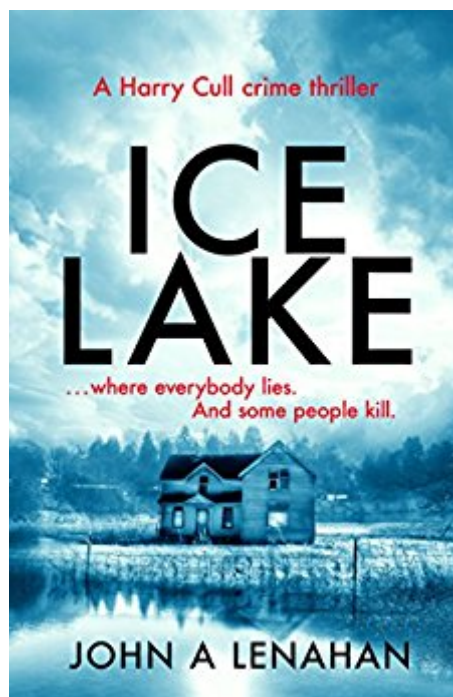




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# Ice Lake: A Gripping Crime Debut That Keeps You Guessing Until The Final Page (Psychologist Harry Cull Thriller, Book 1)



## Synopsis

Where everybody lies. And some people kill. An electrifying debut crime novel and the first in a new series featuring psychologist Harry Cull. Perfect for fans of Stuart MacBride, Mark Billingham and Peter May. An abandoned body Deep in the woods of north-eastern Pennsylvania, the body of a man is found – shot three times, dumped under the trees where the local kids will find him. A haunted psychologist Psychologist Harry Cull, tormented by his past, arrives in the picturesque town of Ice Lake to help with the murder investigation. There he unravels a web of lies and deceit that leads to the dark heart of a community torn apart by fracking, drugs and murder. A desperate killer It's not long before the second corpse turns up, this time a lawyer left for dead in the forest, and Harry finds himself on the trail of a twisted killer – who will do anything to keep the town's darkest secrets buried.

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## Customer Reviews

This was billed as "gripping," but I didn't find it so. That said, it was a good introduction to a very likable main character, Harry Cull. He has an unusual side to his psychology practice in that he finds

liars for clients, using a doctored lie detector and an eye for a "tell" when someone is not telling the truth. Generally, he ferrets out what he terms "thin cats for the fat cats," in other words embezzlers. This time he is a consultant to the Pennsylvania State Police, summoned by an acquaintance he made while speaking at a police convention. State Trooper Cirba is enmeshed in a murder at idyllic Ice Lake and is hopeful that Harry can help to find the person who killed Big Bill, a young man just now coming into his own in life. That murder and the ones that follow don't ratchet up the suspense as much as give Harry a reason to stay at the Ice Lake cottage, pursue a love interest, and give the reader a longer, better glimpse into what makes Harry tick. The tone of this book is really good, somewhat sardonic, and editing and proofing were spot on. It's the characters that held my interest, not the story, so I will look forward to visiting Harry and whoever he teams up with as this series continues. The end of this particular tale seemed cobbled together and not quite believable, and for that, I might have taken away a half-star if that were possible.

I could not stay with this book. I tried but only could get through half. Then I skimmed to see if it got better but it just wasn't my style. It was a lot of dialogue between Cull and his cohort that was supposed to just be amusing banter. The "mystery" itself of who shot Big Bill was kind of a sideline to their strip club visits and romance with a local. I didn't care who killed Big Bill from the beginning, and since the protagonists were obnoxious to me, I had to give up. I can see where some might find them funny, but I did not.

I loved the characters and found it to be very informative as well. I hope there is a follow-up to this novel. I'm definitely a fan.

Great book. I absolutely loved the shadowmagic series, and, clearly, I'm going to love this series. Nice work, I look forward to more.

Very good read. Hard to put down.

Well written, good dialogue & characters Enjoyed reading this & look forward to more from this author about Mr. Cull & friends

Very good book. Easy to get into and not want to put down.

I thought the characters were well rounded and written. There was enough misdirection in the story to keep me interested, but not too much to crowd the story. I hope John Lenahan continues with this character - Harry Cull. I look forward to finding more about his past. He had a past to deal with, but it is not done in a heavy handed way. Just enough info and it played in the story enough that I would like to hear more. Highly recommended!!

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