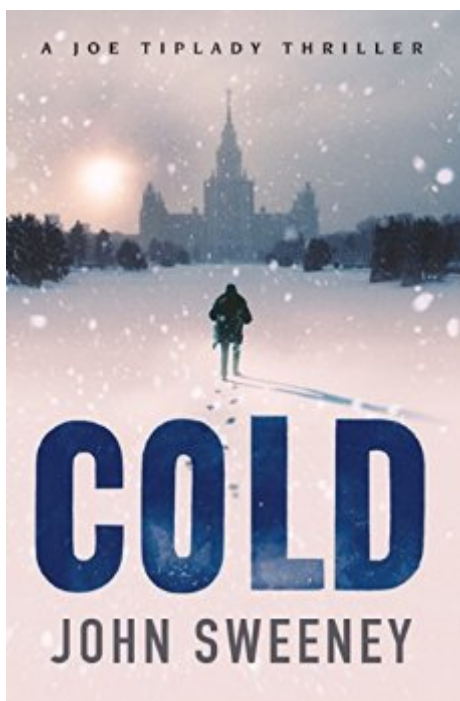


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Synopsis

In the feeble light of a London winter, Joe Tiplady walks his dog in the snow. He is not alone. Two men are tracking him, as is a woman with wolf eyes. Soon Joe will find himself caught in a storm of violence and retribution that he does not yet understand. Around the world, a chain of events is in motion that will make Joe a priceless target. A retired Soviet general hunts for his missing daughter after a series of brutal murders. A ruthless assassin loses something so precious he will do anything to get it back. And in the mountains of Utah, a brilliant ex-CIA chief wrestles with his religion. In the shadow of them all lies Zoba, strongman ruler of Russia and puppet-master of the world's darkest operatives. Can Joe save himself from this dangerous web of power and revenge? Where can he run when there's nowhere left to hide? Please note: this book contains strong language and scenes of torture.

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Customer Reviews

Like another viewer, I had the opportunity to read multiple Kindle First selections for the month of June, thanks to a few friends and family. Before this book, I had read two other selections and was disappointed with both. I was not really looking forward to this one but out of respect for my fellow

reader friends, I obliged. I am glad I did. Cold is categorized as an "Espionage Thriller" and it is that, but it is a bit unusual. Written by a British author, it is inundated with British colloquialisms such as "I might have twigged you're not a psychiatrist" and exposes British lack of personal knowledge of American culture and geography. For instance, Mr. Sweeney thinks that the mountains in Utah that tower over Salt Lake City are "the Rockies." For those unfamiliar with the western United States, the mountains in Utah are called the Wasatch, not the Rockies. When someone says they are in the Rockies, they might be located in the next state east of Utah called Colorado, in places like Denver or Aspen. The author also portrays one of the characters called "Zeke" as a Mormon hick and hillbilly who says things like "So stop what you're doing to the poor brother YON." He also describes Zeke as speaking with a "hick" accent. For the Brits, hillbillies are generally rural mountain people typically living in the Appalachia mountains, not the Wasatch mountains. Normally, I don't ignore this and I found the cultural misplacement confusing in the beginning because the author jumped the location and characters around. It was disorienting to figure out what he was trying to portray. But, once I figured out what was going on, I ignored the faux pas of the author and concentrated on the story and found a good book.

This book, "Cold" by John Sweeney, was not my choice this month for my Kindle First read. But occasionally, like in the past, I have the opportunity to read two of the Kindle First selections. My grandson, away at university, has a personal Prime account for which I have the fiduciary responsibility.!! This allows me on occasion to read a second choice that he selects and has downloaded to a Kindle app at home on my (our..shared..) computer. This is one of those times.....To best understand this book, you need to understand (or at least get a grasp of..) the author. John Sweeney is a home-grown Brit. He is a well known, and dare I say... respected, writer who is frequently seen more as an investigative reporter than an author. He has however, written a handful of books of which this is the second novel. His first novel, "Elephant Moon" was published in 2013... see here: [ELEPHANT MOON](#) . Having said that, John Sweeney is perhaps best known for his classic "meltdown" when facing down a ranking official of the COS (Church of Scientology..). That meltdown became a YouTube hit, and the rest is history. Actually, that is just a very basic synopsis. John Sweeney has won many awards for his investigative reporting and has written eight or nine books including two novels of which this one is the latest. It is the first book in a prospective series. The next Joe Tiplady adventure is in preparation for publishing as we speak and is due out in January of 2017. Called "ROAD", it is currently listed on [Amazon](#) as "pre-order" but for some reason cannot be linked here.... strange.???

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