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Swept into a dark game of life and death, Niles Goodman will do anything to protect the innocent, even if that means challenging the most ruthless serial killer in a generation.

Coping with deep financial difficulties and a failing marriage, Niles is delighted when a figure from his past, Cody Larson, shows up hoarding a gruesome map and a story of buried riches. Unwittingly defying his wife's warnings of Cody's strange behavior, Niles embarks on a two thousand mile road trip with him to recover the goods. The journey quickly turns into madness.

Cody kills random strangers indiscriminately and then after each murder explains his philosophy behind the slaughter. He calls his chilling acts of evil the Frostproof and what unfolds is a channel of violence, greed, and terror. Niles escapes Cody at trip's end, but how can he escape a psychopath who now knows everything about him?

Frostproof Details

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Neil Ostroff says

The Frostproof is chilly indeed!, April 23, 2011

By Todd Russell (Orting, Washington) - See all my reviewsThis review is from: FROSTPROOF (Paperback)
The blurb for Frostproof sucked me in, promising to tell a story of a cross country crime spree at the hands of a psychotic named Cody Larson who believes something called Frostproof is making him do it. Cody has escaped the psych ward and convinced a former friend and general good guy, Niles Goodman (against the better wishes of Niles' wife), to accompany Cody on the fateful trip. Niles is promised money that he desperately needs to pay bills.

You know the minute Cody brandishes the severed arm (with map instructions) -- explaining they are taking this to a drug thug in Seattle in order to be shown where a stash of heroin and a bunch of money is -- that no good is going to come of this trip.

And so begins the journey which is filled with murder and mayhem. The book, page-wise clocks in at 195 pages and is told in first person point of view by Niles Goodman. Niles is a good storyteller and the pacing of the tale is good. We never stop too long as readers and get bored and there is pacing toward the satisfactory conclusion.

One gripe: I wish Niles had queried Cody Larson more about the Frostproof. There are more than a few times that Cody talks about what the Frostproof is and why it is causing him to do evil. but I wanted to know even more.

Dawn says

Frostproof was a chilling story of former college friends, Niles and Cody.

Todd Russell says

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I won a signed copy of this book in a Goodreads giveaway and overall enjoyed the read. I'd be interested in reading other books by this author.
