

## News from the Mindemoya Library Book Mice

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### Top 5 Picks

1. *The Lost Symbol* by Dan Brown
2. *Rough Country* by John Sandford
3. *Relentless* by Dean Koontz
4. *The Ice Passage* by Brian Payton
5. *Black Friday* by Alex Kava

**The Lost Symbol** by Dan Brown is a book many of our patrons have been waiting for. And it is worth the wait. From beginning to end, you keep reading and reading, hating to put the book down, to sleep, or work, or anything. Dan Brown, as many of you know, wrote *The Da Vinci Code*, a great book that then became a good movie, and I will not be surprised if this too becomes a movie. This story is about a deadly race through a real-world labyrinth of codes, secrets, and unseen truths—all under the watchful eye of Brown's most terrifying villain to date. A good read.

**Rough Country** by John Sandford is another good read. It is a Virgil Flowers novel that also keeps one reading far into the night. While competing in a fishing tournament, he gets a call from Lucas Davenport to investigate a murder at a nearby resort, where a woman has been shot while kayaking, and the action begins. Another immense-satisfying tale by one of our most popular authors.

**Relentless** by Dean Koontz is a new, mesmerizing thriller involving a likeable, successful family man is drawn into a confrontation with a foe of unimaginable malice.

**The Ice Passage** by Brian Payton is a true story of

ambition, disaster, and endurance in the Arctic wilderness. It begins as a mission of mercy. Four and a half years after the disappearance of Arctic explorer Sir John Franklin and his two ships, HMS Investigator sets sail to find them. Instead of rescuing lost comrades, the Investigator's officers and crew soon find themselves trapped in their own ordeal, facing starvation, madness, and death on the unknown Polar Sea. If only they can save themselves they will bring back news of perhaps the greatest maritime achievement of the age: their discovery of the elusive Northwest Passage between Europe and the Orient. In a narrative rich with insight and grace, Brian Payton reconstructs the final voyage of the Investigator and the trials of her officers and crew. Drawing on long-forgotten journals, transcripts, and correspondence—some never before published—Payton weaves an astonishing tale of endurance. Along the way, he vividly evokes an Arctic wilderness we now stand to lose. Please note that in one of the pictures is a satellite image of the Arctic taken in September 1979 and another taken in September 2007—does it ever hit home that the ice is melting faster than scientists ever thought.

**Black Friday** by Alex Kava is a novel featuring Maggie O'Dell, which is a favourite character for many of our patrons. Maggie O'Dell is an FBI profiler and in this story must fly to Minnesota to help figure out what's behind a terrorist's attack—a massacre that is all the more frightening because no group has claimed responsibility. Maggie is joined by Nick Morrelli, who has recently taken a job with a national security company, and the two of them have worked together and investigated several cases in the past.

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