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RendezVous
Crime



Red Ice For a Shroud R.J. Harlick

*In a wilderness of ice,
a family's twisted
past is revealed*

As winter's first snow starts to fall a young Québécoise sneaks off to meet her Algonquin lover in an isolated hunting camp on the Migiskan Reserve. Five days later, Meg Harris discovers her frozen and brutalized body. The young Native is charged with her murder and Meg feels responsible, as the young woman was a member of a crew which was helping Meg to clear some cross country ski trails.

Meanwhile, a nasty old man and his gun as well as a surprise blizzard have put a crimp in Eric Odjik's plan to create this network of trails for the first ever Migiskan Ski Marathon. Meg Harris's investment in the venture is jeopardized and, while Eric has become a part of Meg's life, their relationship has recently hit a few bumps,

leading Meg to cast her eyes elsewhere.

But both Eric and Meg are faced with another disaster. Someone is supplying the native band's children with drugs. Are the two events connected?

Meg, convinced of the innocence of the young Native in the death of his lover, sets out to find the real killer against a backdrop of police prejudice.

As Meg scrambles to unravel the truth, the snow turns to freezing rain, locking her West Quebec wilderness within a prison of ice.

The sequel to *Death's Golden Whisper* again visits the Canadian wilderness of Quebec where survival hinges on the strong alliances one forms with one's neighbours.

- **An anticipated follow-up to the first Meg Harris mystery, *Death's Golden Whisper***
- **unusual setting of a First Nations settlement**
- **A classic Canadian mixture - French, English, First Nations**

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