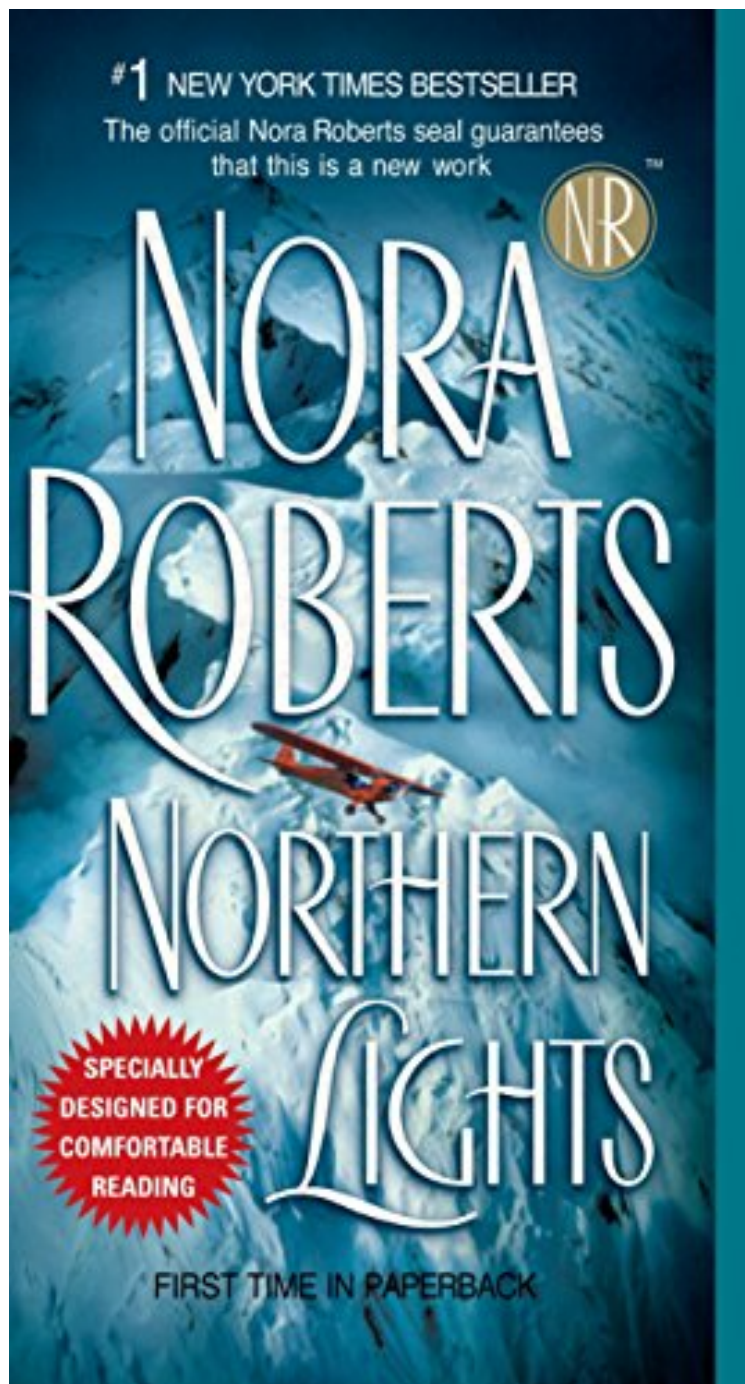


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Von Nora Roberts : Northern Lights before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Northern Lights:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Ein Polizeichef in der Krise und die Jagd auf einen eiskalten KillerVon LoveLetter MagazinNate Burke war Polizist in Baltimore, als er bei einem Schusswechsel verwundet wurde und seinen Partner verlor, was ihn in eine schwere Krise strzte. Das Angebot, Polizeichef im kleinen Ort Lunacy, Alaska, zu werden, wies ihm deshalb einen Weg zur Flucht. Jetzt nimmt er seinen Dienst im tiefsten Winter auf. Die Konfrontation mit der eisigen Landschaft, der rauen Witterung und den teils eigenwilligen Einwohnern bte Ablenkung genug. Wirklich auf andere Gedanken bringt Nate aber die Buschpilotin Meg Galloway. Als in einer Eishhle eine Leiche entdeckt wird, stellt sich schnell heraus, dass es sich bei dem Toten um Megs Vater handelt. Er war Jahre zuvor von einem auf den anderen Tag verschwunden. Da es sich eindeutig um Mord handelt, bittet Meg Nate Ermittlungen anzustellen.Obwohl die Aufklrung des Verbrechens ein wichtiger Bestandteil des Romans ist, spielt das Schicksal des Protagonisten doch die zentrale Rolle. Erwartungsvoll beobachtet der Leser, ob es Nate gelingt, sich allein aus seinem tiefen Loch zu hieven. Der innere Kampf, sich nicht vollends hngen zu lassen, sondern die Tage wieder aktiv in Angriff zu nehmen, wird eindricklich geschildert. Mit Meg ist ihm eine selbstbewusste, emanzipierte Frau zur Seite gestellt. Der Kriminalfall wird aber nicht stiefmutterlich behandelt. Die Suche nach dem Tter, der seit Jahren unerkannt in der Gemeinde weilt, ist ebenso fesselnd wie der Rest der Erzhlung. Besonders erwhnenswert ist der auergewhnliche Schauplatz, das wildromantische Alaska. Eine exzellent erzhlte Geschichte ber einen Mann auf dem Weg zurck ins Leben und die Jagd nach einem eiskalten Killer. (TD)2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Alaskan Atmosphere Adds AppealVon Donald MitchellLunacy, Alaska is the kind of place where the weather turns everything on its head. The sun is either always down . . . or always up. The cold is almost always a presence. A little storm can dump 4 feet of show suddenly. A little jaunt can turn deadly if you aren't cautious.When the weather isn't providing such extremes, the wild animals are. Don't face down an angry moose or a hungry black bear!The demographics are also unusual . . . there are a lot more men than woman, which can mean that the women can play the field while the men have to be loyal.Travel isn't simple. You use snowshoes, land planes on frozen rivers and fly hundreds of miles for ordinary shopping.Is it any wonder that tempers can get short, disagreements can get out-of-hand, and families find themselves in conflict with one another?With Alaska as the main character in this book, Ms. Roberts turns what would normally be a pretty average romance/murder mystery story into an intriguing one.Nate Burke was a good cop . . . so good that it cost him his marriage. Distracted by the loss of his wife, Nate Burke even begins to doubt he can be a good cop again. Running away becomes attractive, and he takes the job as police chief in the small town of Lunacy, Alaska. As soon as he arrives, he realizes that he's out of his depth and may not last the winter.Two women immediately begin vying for his attention and his attractive body. That's enough to make most men come alive . . . but it's even more significant when they both turn out to be untamed . . . and are mother and daughter.While he's dealing with the possibility of love, Nate finds himself drawn into solving an old, unsuspected murder . . . while realizing that the killer must still be in Lunacy.How will it all turn out? You'll spend over 500 interesting pages finding out. At the end, you'll feel rewarded for your effort . . . whether you are a romance or a mystery buff. The book is above average from both perspectives.I would have graded the book higher but I found that it didn't move quite fast enough for me, and the Nate Burke character was a little too predictable. Meg Callaway, on the other hand, is an original and fascinating heroine whom you will greatly enjoy.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A good readVon LeaFrankly, I didn't have too high expectations of somebody who pours out novel after novel - but then I was looking for a light read and picked up this one in a bookshop: a pleasant surprise!! A really good mixture of romance and detective story, a good plot, interesting figures, multilayered, evolving, wounded: the committed Baltimore detective (the lone wolfe type) relocating to Alaska after a tragic accident that left one of his colleagues dead, the fiercely independent lady pilot, her 'man-eater' ageing mother, the colourful locals... all very likeable and touching. The romance side seems to me stronger than the thriller side of the novel - but then both are more than good enough for a wonderful weekend on a long-chair! For some reasons Roberts is often classified under "light" fiction - I really wonder why. Maybe she writes too much to be taken really "seriously"? Maybe her characters, the women in particular, are too unconventional and too many? But then hey! She knows how to tell a story, how to convey a sense of atmosphere (Alaska winters, brrrrr!!! the small town's shock at the brutal killing of a harmless old dog!!), how to keep suspense hanging in the air, and send chills down our spines! Okay, she overdoes it here and there - but as far as I'm concerned, I'm in for more!

KurzbeschreibungLet #1New York Times bestselling author Nora Roberts fly you into Lunacy, Alaska, and into a colorful, compelling novel about two lonely souls who are searching for love and redemption...As a Baltimore cop, Nate Burke watched his partner die on the streetand the guilt still haunts him. With nowhere else to go, he accepted the

job as Chief of Police in a tiny, remote Alaskan town with the hopes of starting over. Despite the name, Lunacy provides a balm for Nate's shattered soul and an unexpected affair with pilot Meg Galloway warms his nights...But other things in Lunacy are heating up. Nate suspects the killer in an unsolved murder still walks the snowy streets. His investigation will unearth the secrets and suspicions that lurk beneath the placid surface, as well as bring out the big-city survival instincts that made him a cop in the first place. And his discovery will threaten the new life and the new love that he has finally found for himself.

From the Paperback edition. From Publishers Weekly: Roberts shines again with a nuanced tale of the Alaskan wilderness and the appealing eccentrics who cluster there. Former Baltimore cop Nate Burke accepts the unlikely post of police chief of Lunacy, Alaska (pop. 506), to stave off the depression caused by divorce and the traumatic death of his partner, for which he holds himself partly responsible. His early days in the close-knit town are quiet except for minor disturbances and a dalliance with a feisty bush pilot, Meg Galloway. Then Meg's father, who disappeared 16 years before, is found frozen in a remote mountain cave, an ice ax in his chest. The discovery that Pat Galloway was murdered most likely by a local shakes up the town and drives his murderer to commit a second, cover-up killing. Though state authorities dismiss that death as suicide, Nate pursues it as a crime—a decision that puts him at odds with many outspoken Lunatics, as the townspeople call themselves. With quiet inexorability he fields the flak, uncovers long-forgotten events and finds a tough but loving balance with the fiercely independent Meg. Though billed as romantic suspense, the novel forsakes artificial genre conventions in favor of a wry, affectionate look at community bonds, generational wounds and soul-testing landscapes. The result is a richly textured novel that captures the intimacy of small-town police work, the prickliness of the pioneer spirit and the paradox of a setting at once intimate and expansive, welcoming and hostile, indisputably American and yet profoundly exotic to those in the Lower 48. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

From Booklist: Nate Burke, a Baltimore police detective, blamed himself for the death of his partner in a shootout, and the resulting anger and grief sent him into a depression so dark and deep he thought he would never climb back out. Then Nate decides to accept the position of police chief in the small town of Lunacy, Alaska, and it seems as if life is giving him one more chance. Things are certainly different in Lunacy, and Nate begins to enjoy his encounters with the town's colorful inhabitants, especially bush pilot Meg Galloway. The unexpected romance that slowly develops between Nate and Meg becomes quite complicated, however, when the body of Meg's father, who disappeared in 1988, is found in an ice cave, and Nate has to try to keep his new love safe from a cold-blooded murderer who is willing to kill again to keep old secrets safely buried. RITA Award-winning and New York Times best-selling Roberts beautifully captures the rugged splendor of Alaska, and her cast of uniquely endearing secondary characters adds just the right touch of quirky humor to her splendidly entertaining, sexy, and suspenseful romance about two tough yet vulnerable people. John Charles Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved