

William Kent Krueger: Critical Quotes

Iron Lake

“Krueger brings a fresh take on some familiar elements and a strong sense of atmosphere to his first mystery...an occasion for Krueger to draw some nifty connections between monsters of the heart and monsters of myth... [T]he author’s deft eye for details of everyday life brings the town and its peculiar problems to vivid life.” **Publisher’s Weekly (starred review)**

Boundary Waters

“Krueger’s writing, strong and bold yet with the mature mark of restraint, pulls this exciting search-and-rescue through with a hard yank.” **Publisher’s Weekly**

Purgatory Ridge

“Pulls the reader in on the first page and holds him fast until the satisfyingly correct wrap-up on the last.” **The Denver Post**

The Devil’s Bed

“Readers of Krueger’s Cork O’Connor mystery series (Iron Lake, Boundary Waters, etc.) will have to postpone the pleasures of the much-anticipated fourth volume, but the wait will be well spent with this fast-paced stand-alone political thriller.” **Publishers Weekly**

Blood Hollow

“The prose in Blood Hollow is so good and the plotting so deft that readers will be hard put to stop reading once they begin. Krueger has moved to the head of the crime fiction class with this one.” **Chicago Sun-Times**

Mercy Falls

“Cork, the sharp-witted small-town sheriff, continues to be an engaging and sympathetic series anchor; likewise, Krueger’s depiction of rural America and the cultural differences among its residents remains compassionate and authentic. Not just for fans of the series, the novel is a smart and satisfying mystery on its own.” **Booklist**

Copper River

“This series gets darker and more elegantly written with every book. Minnesota has become a hotbed of hard-boiled crime fiction, and the Cork O’Connor novels are among the best.” **Booklist**

Thunder Bay

“Deftly plotted... [T]he action builds to a violent and satisfying denouement.” **Publisher’s Weekly (starred review)**