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## BEYOND THE ICE LIMIT & THE TOMBS - Meteorite Hunters & Treasure Hunters

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- In recent times, the early stages of the development of archaeology included a significant aspect of treasure hunt. Early work in Egyptology also included a similar motive. Modern amateur treasure hunters use relatively inexpensive metal detectors to locate finds at terrestrial sites. More recently, most serious treasure hunters have started working underwater, where modern technology allows access to wrecks containing valuables, which were previously inaccessible. Many of the wrecks have resulted in the treasure salvage of many fascinating artifacts from Spanish treasure fleets as well as many others.

Treasure hunting is condemned by a growing number of nations, and UNESCO issued a chart for the protection of the underwater cultural heritage in 2001.

'LES TOMBES D'ATTILA' (The Tombs) by Clive CUSSLER & Thomas PERRY (Grasset Editions). Husband-and-wife team Sam and Remi FARGO are intrigued when an archaeologist friend requests their help excavating a top secret historical Site. When they meet the professor in Germany, he is kidnapped and taken to Hungary by a wealthy and ruthless Hungarian, who claims direct descent from Attila the Hun.... The clues point to the hidden tomb of Attila the Hun, the High King who was reportedly buried with a vast fortune of gold and jewels and plunder. . . a bounty that has never been found....

- A meteorite hunter is a person engaged in the search for meteorites. Meteorite hunters may be amateurs who search on the weekends and after work, or professionals who recover meteorites for a living. Both frequently use tools such as metal detectors or magnets to discover the meteorites. Although meteorites fall uniformly across the globe they do not typically remain on the surface in areas with a large amount of yearly rainfall. Some arctic and desert regions have proven to be well-suited to preserving meteorites, and can provide excellent surfaces for hunting visually.

Meteorites can be very valuable to scientists studying planetary science and to collectors. Individual stones may weigh mere grams or hundreds of kilograms. Their values vary widely based on rarity and composition, as well as the conditions in which they are found....

'A COMME APOCALYPSE' (Beyond The Ice Limit) by Douglas PRESTON & Lee CHILD (L'Archipel Editions). 'Beyond The Ice Limit' is the sequel to 'The Ice Limit'.

5 years ago, the mysterious and inscrutable head of Effective Engineering Solutions, Eli Glinn, led a mission to recover a gigantic meteorite (the largest ever discovered) from a remote island off the coast of South America.

The mission ended in disaster when their ship, the Rolvaag, foundered in a vicious storm in the Antarctic Sea and broke apart, sinking (along with its unique cargo) to the ocean floor. One hundred and eight crew members perished, and Eli GLINN was left paralyzed....The tragedy revealed something truly terrifying : the meteorite they tried to retrieve was not, in fact, simply a rock. Instead, it was a complex organism from the deep reaches of space.

The new tale opens with the assumption that the seed, which did arrive from outer space, is proof of panspermia, a method of spreading life throughout the universe... Engineers, scientists and divers return to the Roaring 60s to kill the seed, which they fear will demolish Earth or alter all life on it. There is only one hope : for Eli GLINN and his team to annihilate it, a task which requires Gideon CREW' s expertise with nuclear weapons.

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