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Tipping Point: There will be no return...

1903: The Arctic's fabled Northwest Passage is navigated for the first time. 2012: An eminent climatologist is found dead in his London apartment. For Robert Spire, an environmental lawyer, what seems like a standard executor's appointment in his client's will, turns out to be anything but, as he is thrust into an international conspiracy involving a terrorist plan to push the Arctic to its tipping point, and the world to disaster...

TIPPING POINT is a fast-paced disaster-fiction action-thriller with a perfect blend of suspense, action, adventure and thrills to keep you turning the pages until the very end.

TWO DEAD CLIMATOLOGISTS...
AN INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY...
A LOOMING ECOLOGICAL DISASTER...

When eminent climatologist Dr Dale Stanton - in the process of studying the Atlantic Ocean's Thermohaline Circulation - is found dead in his London apartment, environmental lawyer, Robert Spire, is given the task to administer a large legacy left by him to global warming organisations. The job should have been straightforward, until a second climatologist, Dr Jack Bannister drops dead on the other side of the Atlantic.

AN INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY

Spire's client - suspicious of her son's death - asks him to travel to San Francisco to investigate Dr Jack Bannister's death. Whilst there, Spire learns of a plan to seed the Arctic Ocean with an experimental substance - the aim, to prevent, or at least slow the Arctic's melting ice. A Russian female assassin is tracking Spire's every move however, suggesting that someone clearly has other plans for the region, and wants the climatologists dead at all costs.

A LOOMING ECOLOGICAL DISASTER

As evidence of increased glacial melt in Greenland and reduction in the Arctic ice mounts, Spire becomes determined to join the joint US/French expedition to seed the Arctic. He soon finds however, that the lives of all on board are in peril as he discovers a plan that threatens to push the Arctic to its tipping point and the Earth to disaster...

TIPPING POINT is a Climate-Fiction themed Action-thriller, set in London, Paris, San Francisco and along the Northwest Passage all the way to the Arctic...

"Simon Rosser's scientific and psychological thriller "Tipping Point" is one of the best I have read in the past decade. He has a gift for fluent narrative, realistic characterisation and for creating settings that come vividly to life for the reader. He blends tension and suspense very successfully against the contemporary background of global warming and its sinister implications.

--Author, TV presenter and Priest Lionel Fanthorpe -

Simon Rosser, author of The A-Z of Global Warming draws on his experience to write Tipping Point, a pacey disaster-fiction adventure-thriller with an environmental theme. With crisp dialogue and engaging characters, Tipping Point will appeal to readers interested in adventure thrillers with an environmental twist.

What the readers are saying;

" Compelling story about a very current issue"

"Tip top global adventure"

"Enjoyable action-thriller"

"Great yarn, couldn't put it down"

"Well-crafted environmental thriller"

"Simmering suspense"

Robert Spire's

Tipping Point Details

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Sonja Bristow says

Not bad. It was a bit slow, and some redundancies throughout. However, overall, not bad. Very intriguing.

Jeff says

This is a good story with tedious writing. The story really is clever. It is a typical 'regular person becomes investigator' kind of thriller. In this case, the main character is an environmental lawyer who happens to know martial arts. He stumbles upon an international conspiracy. His crime fighting skills seem to bounce between James Bond and Scooby and Shaggy. The plot and characters are interesting. I found myself skipping every other sentence. The author seemed determined to add as many details as possible to each sentence, and then to cram in a few more.

Jules says

I must say I'm impressed with this author, he manages to keep you turning pages and has the ability to make you think about what you're reading about the environment and the impact that Global Warming appears to be having. A difficult book to put down once its picked up! Cant wait to read more from this guy!!

Joe T says

An enjoyable read.

Just far fetched enough to be enjoyable, just remember, this is a thriller, a work of fiction; it does not pretend to be an encyclopedia.

Kerry says

Gripped me all the way

... and I have a short attention span! Will watch this author's work closely. Clearly well-researched and thus entirely plausible; the best kind of fiction!

Neil Beverley says

I really enjoyed this book . The main character, Robert Spire has a feel of James Bond with an ecological twist about him. A good plot and all in all a very enjoyable read.

Annie says

Oh dear, I have a bad feeling about this. 2.57 ranking. I'm beginning to find out just why these books are put on Kindle for nothing...we'll see.

Wow. Why the low ratings? I thought this was a terrific read! I just bought the sequel - Impact Point.

PS to the proofreader...it's "faint" not "feint" In both cases. Honestly.

Carole says

enjoyed it alot - -except for the French words, I knew none, & there were so many of them. I was not going to stop & look up the meaning of them all (if I could even find a place to do that)

Mike says

This book deserves 3.5 stars, despite the editing errors. I liked the story line, but found it to be slow moving at times during the first half of the book.

Lynn Worton says

I received a complimentary Audible code from the author in return for an honest review.

This is the first book in the Robert Spires series of thrillers. I really enjoyed it.

This book is narrated by Chris MacDonnell, who did an excellent job of bringing the story and characters to life. I did find, however, some of his reading pace a little too slow for my taste. His voice became so soothing that I felt myself nodding off. Now, this is not really a bad thing. However, as this is meant to be a thriller, falling asleep listening to it is!

Robert Spire is an interesting character. I liked him a lot. He is an environmental lawyer. He becomes involved in a mystery when he is made executor of Dr. Dale Stanton's will. As Robert delves deeper into the mystery of his charge's death, danger lurks in shadowy corners. Will Robert be able to find the truth, or will he die trying?

This is an intriguing story. I must admit that I did find the story a little difficult to get into at first. The story has several different points of view from several of the characters. I did find this a little confusing at times. Nevertheless, as the story unfolded, I began to enjoy it. There are several characters I liked, though a few of them fell foul of the Russian assassin, Kseniya Petrovsky. They included Dr. Stanton, Francois Trimaud and Doris Stanton amongst others. However, there were a few other characters I didn't care for. These were the brothers' Farhim and Faric, as well as their servant, Gomez. These three men made me shudder! You'll have to read or listen to the book to find out why.

This story delves heavily into climate change and the science of reversing it. However, although I agreed with most of the author's views with regard to certain things, there were aspects, I felt, that were not explored well enough, or did not answer fully my own thoughts on climate change. Granted, this is a thriller and not a philosophical debate, so things were not as clear cut. In a way, I can understand the reasons behind Farhim and Faric's actions, even though I wouldn't condone it. I did find, however, some of the scenes to be rather drawn out, which made it lose some of the flow. A thriller is meant to build suspense for the reader. Unfortunately, I only found the last third of the book to be thrilling, as it culminated in a dangerous cat and mouse chase with the Russian.

Greed is a terrible vice. Unfortunately, I could see something like what happened in the book happening for real, which makes me incredibly sad. I have no answer to climate change. However, we need to all work together to slow down the impact we have on the atmosphere. We also need to plan better for more severe storms, floods, droughts and other weather related issues. We need to adapt to the weather quicker. Mother nature/ Earth is responding to our parasitic activity, she is completely within her rights to do so.

Simon Rosser has written a thought provoking action thriller. I love his writing style, though I did find it not as fast paced as other thrillers I have read in the past. This also affected the flow in my opinion. Other readers may not have the same response as myself.

Due to some scenes of a gruesome nature, I do not recommend this book to younger readers, or those of a nervous disposition. However, I highly recommend this book if you love spy thrillers, crime thrillers and mysteries. - Lynn Worton

Chris says

A fabulous read! I honestly could care less about the accuracy of the science involved. The way it fit the story was just fine and not overdone. Robert Spire just may be a literary hero for some time. Great job, Simon!! Already reading the next one.

Anand says

This is a nice and easy read, and overall likable. I could deduce the following formula:

- take the science from the 'The Day After Tomorrow'
- take an ex- KGB assassin from Fredrick Forsyth
- mate Jack Reacher (Lee Child) with John Grisham's lawyer to produce a wanna-be James Bond
- Bring in twists and turns of a James Bond movie.
- Borrow a punchline from Bond - "My name is Spire, Robert Spire"!!
- Shake them well

Viola! You have the 'Tipping Point'. Mind you, I am not bad-mouthing this novel, just giving you a feel of what to expect. Rosser has done an appreciable job of blending all the elements together, and such an effort from a working professional balancing his day-time job, family and life, is commendable. I like this for the fun read this was, for the sincere effort of the author, and obviously, the story that was interesting enough for wanting to turn the page.

Anna says

Finished reading this yesterday and really enjoyed it. Great cast of characters and a fascinating plot. This is one book that gets placed on my read again list.

Bette says

The Tipping Point referred to in the airline industry as the point of no return. We have many tipping points in our lives and they are all actions that then change the course of our lives. Simon Rosser's first novel takes a leap at showing one such "tipping point" global warming. What will happen if the polar ice cap melts? Who will it affect? What will be the affect? Why would anyone want the polar ice cap to melt?

This is a too well researched book, the scientific jargon was too much so I frequently skipped pages to get to moving the story forward. His hero is a superman who is "any" man. An ambitious first novel for his first efforts and it does show his talent. I have read other books by Simon Rosser and enjoy his writing.

Rabid Readers Reviews says

While I think Rosser does his best to write a credibly scientific story, I'd be lying to say that I understood every point. That said, Tipping Point is a freaking fabulous thriller. Despite not getting all of the science, I enjoyed this smart and fast read. Not only is Rosser's novel a well-written and fun roller coaster ride but it makes you think about global warming is doing in regard to the future of our planet.

Robert Spire, the protagonist of the piece, is investigating the deaths of the murdered climatologists. He's a little perfect. A little superhero on the run and so 007 that James Bond is looking at him in envy. He's not perfect. Rosser's character development leads a reader to the knowledge that this is a person a bit more capable than all of us and oh so entertaining to read. Robert Spire can proudly take his seat with the iconic and flawed alpha males of fiction.

I cannot wait for my father to read Tipping Point and to get his take on the work. The Robert Spire novels currently compose a trilogy with Tipping Point joined by Impact Point: Action-Adventure Thriller and Melt Zone: Action-Adventure Thriller and I plan to pick up the other two books in the series today. If you prefer, the Spire trilogy is available in one volume titled Spire Trilogy: Action-Adventure Thrillers.
