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Jerry Mitchell, now the commodore of submarine Development Squadron Five, is dismayed when *USS Toledo* is reported missing in Arctic waters, close to Russian territory. The vessel is captained by his former shipmate and close friend, Lenny Berg. Eager to investigate, Jerry convinces the Navy to redirect one of his squadron's boats to find out what happened.

It turns out *Toledo* was sunk just outside of Russian territorial waters by a torpedo launched from a naval mine. Even more disturbing is the discovery that Russia is building a deadly weapon. Engineers have modified the STATUS-6, a strategic nuclear-propelled, nuclear armed torpedo that is already operational, into a stealthy first strike weapon: Drakon. This new tool would allow the Russians to launch a completely covert nuclear decapitation strike on the USA.

The new Russian president has plans for Europe, and is more than willing to use nuclear blackmail—or an actual attack—to keep the Americans from interfering. To avoid a Russian war in Europe, and a nuclear catastrophe at home, Mitchell must find a way to destroy the Drakon launcher before it's too late.

Arctic Gambit Details

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Paul says

Overall, Arctic Gambit is a thriller that has a creative yet realistic premise which follows through with a taut ending. Good depictions of underwater high-tension situations make this one a solid pick for those who like the genre.

Thank you to NetGalley, Macmillan-Tor, and Forge Books, and Larry Bonds for the advanced copy for review.

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David Hogan says

Best of the series

This was the best book yet, a mature Jerry Mitchell is one hell of a character. All I can say is there better be another, I never get tired of the story lines or this character. Fantastic book, all should read the series. As always great detail and a well developed story, I do admit this book should have been longer there were very good possible side stories that should have been developed. Over all outstanding.

Dan says

Directly addresses the area 'left out' of the NDS!

William McLoughlin says

Yet another great submarine story in this series by this author.

Mike Maurer says

I have read the previous five Jerry Mitchell novels, finding the first four very good and the fifth mediocre. In the author notes of the fifth book, Larry Bond points out that it was originally a four book project that was stretched to five. This explains my surprise when I saw this book on the shelf at the local library.

It is better than the previous book. More political thriller along the lines of later Tom Clancy than pure submarine action. This time around the submarine of choice is SSN-23, the Jimmy Carter. This is a very cool Seawolf class sub, with a special forces section added in the middle. (For a bit of trivia of why this president got his name on an SSN instead of a CV like other presidents. It is very cool) The UUVs are back in action,

with the author plausibly using the special section of the Jimmy Carter for their use.

Overall the action and possible direction of a potential Russia-NATO conflict work. The economic decimation of the Pacific Rim in the fourth book doesn't factor into what is happening here. It is Russia against NATO.

It helps a lot to have read the previous books to understand the interplay between returning characters. The submarine parts are good, just not enough of them. The Russian boats are represented only by how they are seen through the eyes of the Jimmy Carter. We are taken for a ride in a Russian helicopter ASW pair on the hunt. Also demonstrates why it is part art and science to find submarines.

Craig Pearson says

Larry Bond is a great military suspense writer. His stories are well thought out and technically accurate. The personal relationships are a little unrealistic and the end result was never in doubt.

Mike says

Read this book if you need a nap. Or if you want a description of a submarine, but not for action. Maybe 10 pages of action. Also started a story about a sub being sunk and lives lost, but the reader never finds out how the country handles the tragedy.

Al says

My first Larry Bond. Enjoyed immensely, reminded me of old classic Tom Clancy
