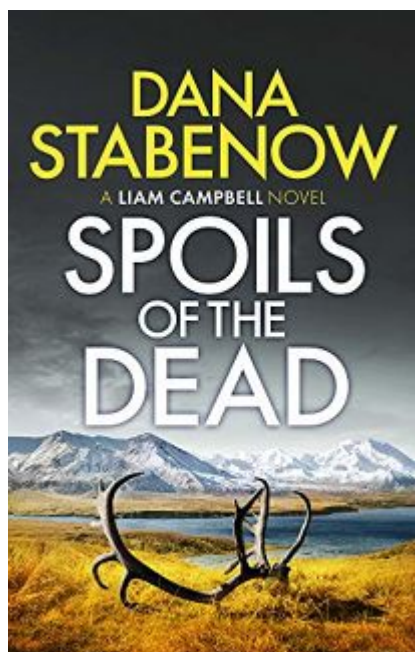




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Edgar winner Stabenow's outstanding sixth Liam Campbell novel (after 2012's *Restless in the Grave*, also featuring another series lead, Kate Shugak) finds the Alaska state trooper posted to the Kenai Peninsula with his bush pilot wife as he slowly revives his career after a botched operation years before, which left a family near Denali dead and led to his demotion. Violence immediately interrupts the couple's integration into the community when an archaeologist, whose findings may jeopardize a major oil drilling expansion in the area, is killed near a cave where a terrible crime occurred decades earlier. As Liam investigates, he encounters a slew of richly developed secondary characters, including a movie star who loves luxury rural life and a former bombshell nightclub singer teetering precariously on the edge of dementia. Rich in details of Alaskan life, history, and archaeology, this fast-paced mystery builds to a satisfying conclusion. Fans will hope they won't have to wait another eight years for Liam's next outing. *(Feb.)*

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