Intriguing Story

In this new prequel episode from Philip Pullmans His Dark Materials universe, Lee Scoresby--Texan aeronaut and future friend to Lyra Belacqua--is just 24 years old, and hes recently won his hot-air balloon in a poker game. He finds himself floating North to the windswept Arctic island of Novy Odense, where he and his hare daemon Hester are quickly tangled in a deadly plot involving oil magnate Larsen Manganese, corrupt mayoral candidate Ivan Poliakov, and Lees longtime nemesis from the Dakota Country: Pierre McConville, a hired killer with at least twenty murders to his name.
Its only after Lee forms an alliance with one of the islands reviled armored bears that he can fight to break up the conspiracy in a gun-twirling classic western shoot out--and battle of wits. This exquisite clothbound volume features the illustrations of John Lawrence, a removable board game—Peril of the Pole—on the inside back cover, and a glimpse for Pullman fans into the first friendship of two of the most beloved characters in the His Dark Materials trilogy: Lee Scoresby and armored bear Iorek Byrnison.

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Pullman does a fabulous job with this short story and his focus; Lee Scoresby. Pullman takes us back to a time when Lee and Hester are much younger and hungry for adventure. The read is quick but does not leave the reader burning with questions. Pullman takes care to show the development of the character we already admire. This story attests to Lees honor-centric character with a well developed plot and lively support characters. Pullman, unlike many other successful series authors, actually satisfies the readers yearning for a follow-up with substance.

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