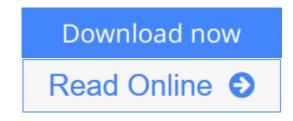


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"Truly extraordinary...one of the most haunting and achingly honest explorations of grief in recent memory...elegantly composed...like any great work of art, "The Iceberg" doesn't merely represent what it sets out to depict; it deftly communicates the emotional truth behind it."—Mary Elizabeth Williams, *Los Angeles Times* 

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"Profoundly moving...the intertwining journeys of father and son make this intricate tale of life and death all the more powerful...exquisite."—*Publishers Weekly* 

"Riveting...poignant memoir...A poetic and moving chronicle of loss."-Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

"An extraordinary memoir... one of the most astonishing books. I was transfixed by it. [Coutts'] work is marvelously wrought and quite experimental, yet says very blunt things."—Helen MacDonald, *Guernica* 

"A fierce love letter-cum-elegy... This is far more than just another book about grief."—Marina Warner, *Observer* 

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"An extraordinary vigil of a book, a work of art."-Observer

"Unflinching yet uplifting...[Coutts is] a chronicler of what it means to be human."-Financial Times

"The writing is lyrical, textured, perfectly paced; the sentences short so that we feel Coutts's moments of panic, her quickened heartbeat... [A] startlingly beautiful and inspiring pioneer text."—*Independent* 

"[Coutts] chooses her words with such beautiful scrupulousness, never twisting or turning the knife of her

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"Marion Coutts' account of living with her husband's illness and death is wise, moving and beautifully constructed. Reading it, you have the sense of something truly unique being brought into the world – it stays with you for a long time after."—Bill Bryson (Wellcome Prize citation)

"Extraordinary... Not quite like any other bereavement memoir."-Evening Standard

"Searing, shocking, unflinching, profoundly moving."-Spectator

About the Author

**Marion Coutts** is an artist and writer. She works in sculpture, film and video and has exhibited widely nationally and internationally, including the Foksal Gallery, Warsaw; Yorkshire Sculpture Park; and the Wellcome Collection, London. She has held fellowships at Kettle<sup>1</sup>s Yard, Cambridge and Tate Liverpool. She is a Lecturer in Fine Art at Goldsmiths College. She lives in London with her son. This is her first book.

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