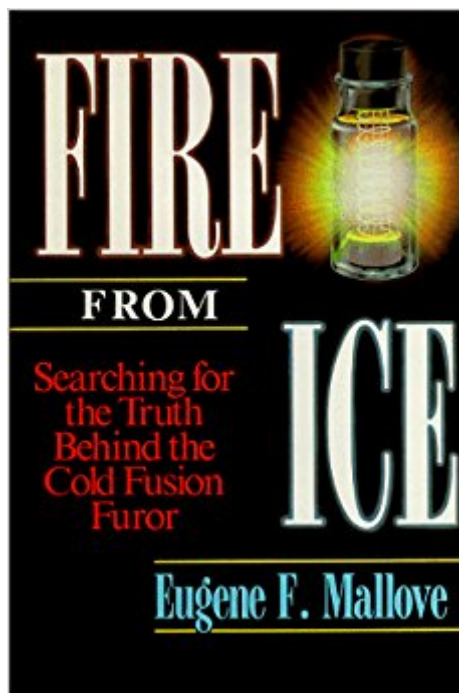




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Fire From Ice: Searching For The Truth Behind The Cold Fusion Furor (Wiley Science Editions)



Synopsis

In the spring of 1989, researchers at the University of Utah made an announcement that rocked the scientific community and is still making news today. Is cold fusion myth or reality, and if it does exist, as many scientists now secretly believe, why did its suggestion first meet with such hostility from within the scientific community and the media? In this book are the answers to these questions and many more - explaining the science involved while exposing the inside story of cold fusion. It is a disturbing tale of professional rivalry and mysterious wheeling and dealing in a high-stakes game.

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Mallove, a professional science writer, tells the history of recent cold fusion research from the dramatic Pons-Fleischmann announcement in March 1989 until approximately the fall of 1990. All the major twists and turns of the story are related with a modest amount of technical detail; it should be quite intelligible to laypeople. Mallove covers much the same ground at about the same level as Frank Close does in *Too Hot To Handle* (LJ 5/15/91). However, there is a dramatic difference--Mallove is a firm believer in the cold fusion phenomenon; he is thus at the opposite end of the spectrum from Close. At the moment, the scientific consensus appears to be with the skeptics, but Mallove's book is nevertheless recommended for all libraries that have Close's. In tandem, the two volumes will give readers an interesting view of a continuing scientific controversy.- Jack W. Weigel, Univ. of Michigan Lib., Ann Arbor Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

"Mallove brings dramatically to life the human side of this important scientific controversy, which has tapped the emotions of its scientific participants in a way usually typical of major scientific revolutions. Fire from Ice is highly recommended reading for anyone who is interested in the nature of scientific controversy and scientific change. I frankly could not put the book down once I started it." -- Dr. Frank Sulloway, former MacArthur Fellow Science historian, MIT Program in Science, Technology and Society --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

The focus of the book is on cold fusion's statistically impossible anomalies. The author shows that such data can be just as important as repeatable experiments even though it is not accepted by mainstream scientists for some stubborn reason. If you all have a chance, check out the 60 minutes special on cold fusion on youtube where a skeptical scientist recants his original statements upon witnessing unexplainable anomalies at a facility which was carefully set up with his supervision. I really feel this book shows the promise of cold fusion without getting speculative or cultish. It's a wonderful book. Buy it if you want a good read on how peer reviewed conventional science can still fail us. Buy it if you have a fascination with cold fusion as it goes into the history of all fusion and has illustrations/photos to boot.

Dr. Eugene Mallove dedicated his life to the advancement of humanity through science. In this book, he clearly shows that there was an organized effort to suppress this "excess heat" Fleischmann-Pons effect that became known as cold fusion. Dr. Mallove realized early in the 1989 controversy that MIT was going to cover up positive results of excess heat from an electrochemical cell. He had to choose where he would stand in history, being a chief science writer for MIT. He chose to leave his job to advance this excess heat effect as a form of energy production. For choosing to stand with the evidence in a time of deceit, he was marginalized by mainstream science, along with Fleischmann and Pons, who left the country after the controversy. Now, we see many more, like Michael McKubre from SRI and Robert Godes of Brillouin, showing the evidence of excess heat and offering technical explanations for how it is achieved.

Readable to know the situation around CF research at that time.

Eugene Mallove tragically lost his life earlier this year in a simple act of barbarism. So odd that a man who devoted his life to one of the most neglected and abstract fields of science in the late 20th

Century would die in such a senseless manner. Luckily, Gene's life's work will not be a waste, as Cold Fusion is finally starting to achieve the recognition it rightly deserves. It will be pioneers like Dr. Mallove who will be remembered for keeping the Cold Fusion flame alive during some of its darkest moments. Buy and read this book, it's sure to be a collector's item soon, as Cold Fusion will soon emerge as a mainstream field of science and Dr. Mallove will be exonerated for pursuing such a taboo field of science.

Mallove has produced a fine documentary of the early days of the cold fusion controversy, which has developed into an underground science. Ignorance of this discovery will be viewed with the kind of curiosity that causes us to wonder why the discovery of the 'cat's whisker' transistor in the 20's did not lead to any kind of serious research effort for several decades in a world that desperately needs clean energy.

I am a Coast to Coast AM listener. I would like to have everyone read his book. It is remarkable. I think that the leaders of the world should all have a copy! I would also like to send my deepest prayers to the family of this beloved author, Eugene Mallove. He and his work will be greatly missed. Blessings to his family and friends.

Great book about cold fusion. Mallove is not a crackpot that the cold fusion skeptics can throw under the rug. Gives the general picture about cold fusion and findings from "respected labs". Very good.

I thought this was a great book. If you want an intriguing book about the controversial energy source of the future you must read this book. It is an excellent read!

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