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"...this special supplement of the journal *Arctic*...brings together 12 articles in the emerging field of alpine ice patch archaeology from North America and Europe. Linked by their association with either caribou or reindeer hunting or human travel in alpine environments, these articles provide a fascinating perspective on the cryogenically preserved artifacts and biological specimens being revealed by the melting of perennial snow and ice in high alpine settings...

As a group, the papers in this volume suggest that the phenomenon of ice patch hunting could exist anywhere where humans and caribou or reindeer interacted at some point in the past in an alpine environment; the northern Rockies, Torngats, Baffin Mountains, the Pyrenees, the Altai, and the Urals, among others, all seem like mountain environments with high potential. With this in mind, perhaps the greatest contribution this collection of papers has to offer is inspiration."

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