Ely Lundgren has died, ice fishing out at Clearwater Lake. His red tent remains undiscovered on the ice, which stretches to the horizon line, tight as a drumskin. Those closest to Ely are left to unravel the mystery surrounding his disappearance and, along the way, face up to their own personal demons.

**CLEARWATER LAKE**is an 80,000 word mystery, set in a small, blue-collar town, in the dead of a Minnesota winter, told in the distinctive voices of Ely’s wife, Lauren, Sheriff Dewey and two unconventional children, Amelia and Charlie. After decades of mutual deception and abuse, Lauren must find a way to use Ely’s disappearance to finally escape him and everything that bound her to the Lundgren family.

The novel will appeal to readers who enjoyed *The Dry* by Jane Harper or *A Simple Plan* by Scott Smith: dark stories about complex relationships, involving strong but flawed characters.