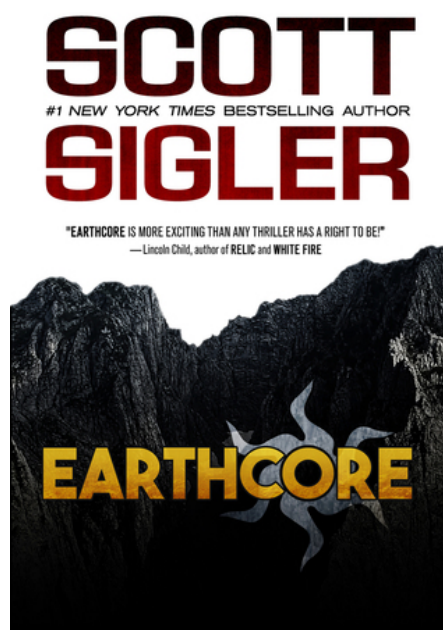




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Scott Sigler says

UPDATE: June 1, 2018

The good folks at Amazon have put the EARTHCORE Kindle version on sale for \$1.49 (US only) for the month of June, 2018. If you haven't read it or want it for your Kindle library, now is the time!

Click here to snag EARTHCORE for \$1.49.

UPDATE: March 27, 2018

The EARTHCORE paperback will be in stores on April 3, 2018. Boom! You can pre-order now from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or get autographed copies from Mysterious Galaxy Books in San Diego (where I live). All of those links are here: <http://www.scottsigler.com/earthcore>.

If you don't order online, do patronize your local bookstores! We have to work together to keep these precious recourses open.

Also here is a picture of a silverbug crawling over a pile of freshly printed copies of EARTHCORE:

UPDATE: July 9, 2017:

Six weeks since we released the EARTHCORE audiobook, and man, it is *killing* it over at Audible. It's been in the Audible Top-10 for fiction every week since its release. That's for *all* fiction books. And in the Horror category, it's doing even better. I thought this was a funny screenshot showing me and Stephen King just hanging out. Oh, sure, he's got the *entire category* except for EARTHCORE at #3, but hey, we're lit-bros just hanging out by the horror water cooler.

UPDATE: June 19, 2017:

The revised EARTHCORE is in the wild! It is available in eBook formats and as an audiobook, narrated by Ray Porter, Audible's 2015 Narrator of the Year. The audiobook is *killer*, coming in at almost 20 hours of face-ripping entertainment. Paperback printing coming soon, we'll holler when it's available. Want the audiobook from Audible? Just click on the image below.

UPDATE: September 1, 2016:

At the suggestion of the team that runs Goodreads, here is a list of some of the books I used as research for **EARTHCORE**. These books are listed in the novel's bibliography, but it's kind of cool to see them collected here on Goodreads.

UPDATE: August 24, 2016:

I know you're supposed to do a fancy "cover reveal" event, but we're excited and want to get it up there for all to see (new cover made by Scott E. Pond).

We're hoping to have the book out in late 2016 or early 2017.

This is the fully re-written version. Deleted scenes, new ending, and also adding the skills I've picked up as an author since I wrote the last draft back in 2005. We had to get this version done so we could start planning

for the sequel, which fans have been patiently waiting for for eleven years now (egads!).

✿?az?? - th? ?ock C?ick ?airy✿ says

This book felt like an epic race to the finish line!

Earthcore is one of those books that you enjoy reading because of the thrill and mysteries. It was like watching a movie unfold, complete with mad scientists, an ambitious misguided businessman, an assassin and bizarre creatures! LOTS AND LOTS OF BIZARRE CREATURES!!!

The story revolves around a mining area which is supposed to give off a lot of money. It was a great vision and everyone felt excited for it. However, it turned out to be the cause of their doom because deep within the area lies a primitive race. At first, I thought these were just humans who evolved into something else... But nooo.. They're waaaay different! I won't give out specific details. Just know that they're all terrifying and very formidable. Our main characters barely stood a chance! Even the bad guy didn't stand a chance!

Read this and you'll see what I'm talking about! Go on!

The relationships of the characters are also very intriguing. It will keep you entertained while the creatures aren't attacking yet. Enjoy their banters because when the action starts, they won't have enough time to do things other than killing and running.

This was also such a great read because it was all so informative! I had to research on some stuff to see if they're just fiction or not. I even had to look for pictures! It's great. It forced me to add some things to this brain of mine. :)

So there. Great book! I'm glad that I gave this a shot. I really, really like how this author works!

Bill says

Billions of dollars worth of platinum, 3 miles below the surface is up for grabs. A ruthless mining company is staking its claim, but first a group of EarthCore employees and scientists will need to find a way to survive the night and quite possibly save the planet in the process.

I really enjoy Scott Sigler's work. The guy can definitely tell a story. This may not have been my favorite so far, but it was fast, fun and entertaining. There were some genuinely likeable, as well as, (signature Sigler) dislikable characters in here and while the story was fairly predictable it never once lost me and I had to ride it out to the end. 3.5 Stars

Edit 4-30-13 (I revised my star rating to reflect the .5 star)

Jeremy Hawthorne says

Holy Shit Mr. Sigler!! This is the best book I've read this year!! You are one of my favorite authors and Earthcore is now firmly in my top five favorite thrillers of all time, along with Infected! That makes you the

only author with more than one title in any of my top five lists! I've been reading 3-4 novels a week for the past 35 years so shining brighter than all the rest is no small achievement sir!

O.S. Prime says

Starts out as clash of stereotypical characters. Never stops being a big bore, partly because none of the paper-thin characters is the least bit likable. Even when the action and gore was at its fastest and most furious, I didn't care whether any survived.

Mel says

I did it, son...now you have to read one I choose for you!

Bogdan says

This is not by first book by Sigler and, in a way, it has some similarities with the other one that i've read.

But i have to warn you, like the book by Laymon that i've recently read, the true action starts only after some one hundred pages.

When all the characters are presented and put in their place, only then we will sit calmly in our seats and have a hell of a ride.

i liked that the whole idea wasn't something usual and conventional and, in fact, it really worked good for this kind of a book.

if you're truly in the mystery & adventure business then this is a must for you.

but i warn you! what awaits you under that mountain could be more than you can handle!

this is the way Sigler writes and, until now, he does a very good job to be mysterious and full of gore in the same time.

because all the book worked for me i'm bound to give it a five stars rating.

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Tammy says

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This started so great. The anticipation and mystery.

I love this stuff but I fear that Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child have completely spoiled me.

The protagonist,(Connell), experiences a heart-breaking loss at the beginning of the story. Unfortunately, this turns him into a complete anti-social jerk that only lives for his career. I understand him but I don't like him. Luckily I don't need to like him, just be interested in him. Through the process of horror and survival in the caves where he had hoped to make his company billions, he tries to redeem himself. The change in his actions seemed trite and unbelievable to me.

This cast of characters include; a psychopathic ex-NSA agent, a narcissistic genius, a naive archeologist as well as two ex-military security personnel. Quite frankly the 'token' ex-military personnel were the only two characters I liked.

They get trapped miles below the surface and have to make their way even further down in order to eventually find a path to safety. With the use of 'Kool Suits' they are able to tolerate the high temperatures, but the suits are not armor and a tear can compromise the suits integrity. On top of that, there are some very bad things waiting for them

Like I said before, this is usually a plot that grips me but instead of the terror ramping up, it fizzled for me. The characters seemed to be modeled on some action/horror archetype someone wrote in the 80's. The female lead was an ideological airhead of the 'save the artifacts, not yourself' variety. All the makings for a fantastic horror/action-adventure were there but it felt rushed and skeletal.

David Estes says

Corrupt miners. Murderous AIs. ALIENS! This book had it all and kept me turning the pages late into the night. Trust me, you will not be able to predict who survives and who does not. A great read.

Lilyn G. | Sci-Fi & Scary says

Earthcore is an interesting, much more foul-mouthed take on Journey to the Center of the Earth in my opinion. Except, in Sigler's version, it's not dinosaurs you come across, but something much more shiny and squishy. **Once things get rolling (it takes a while), it's an action-packed adventure. There's one flight from danger after another, and several surprises await you.**

And that's about all that I can say that's nice about *Earthcore* .

One of the things that annoyed me about *Earthcore* was the sob-story given to the human villain. I see this a lot in books, and I just don't understand it. Am I supposed to feel sorry for the character because s/he had a bad life growing up? Because I don't. **I had a rough life growing up myself and I didn't grow up to be a bad person. I grew up still understanding the differences between right and wrong.** Making the choice to be a good person. The villain is the villain. They chose to do the wrong things, and, especially when they're geniuses, they do it with full understanding that what they're doing is wrong. I don't care about their life growing up, and telling me about it in some effort to flesh them out only serves to annoy me and detract from the story.

And Scott Sigler does the sob-story not once but twice in *Earthcore*. **I could almost understand it for the guy, because of the whole 'redeem during the course of the story' factor but the true 'villain'?** No. That character is pretty much an evil archetype and trying to redeem them at all was just a waste of page space. Apparently *Earthcore* started as a much shorter book that was expanded on recently to please the fans. I can't help but think I probably would have preferred it in its shorter form.

Unfortunately, a trend within *Earthcore* was that few of the characters were likable. If you spend half the book being annoyed by the mere presence of certain characters on the page, it inevitably detracts from your overall enjoyment. The only character I actually liked in the whole book was the prospector who finds the platinum to begin with. Well, I liked Sanjay as well, but he was a very minor character. Towards the end of the book, the main scientist, Angus, grated on my nerves so badly that simply listening to the book made me want to reach through my phone and smack the crap out of him. The only way I was able to force myself to go on was to tell myself that he had to die a very horrible death very soon, right?

I like most of Sigler's work that I've read/listened to. ***Infected* was a fantastic audio experience that he narrated himself. However, *Earthcore* just wasn't something I dug, pardon the pun.** In fact, by the end of the book, I truly disliked the book. Ray Porter is the only thing that kept me listening to the audio book at all. The plot had a few definite interesting twists to it, but not enough to save me from wanting to chuck it through the nearest window.

Can't recommend it, but I know I seem to be in the minority with that opinion, so take my review with a grain of salt.

Joseph says

A fair book overall. Although there are many characters in the story, I didn't feel attached to or even like most of them. The story was OK, but reminded me of others. I was hoping for more geology and much less science fiction. Sci-fi, action adventure, staple.

Jeremy says

Man, I'm glad I snagged a copy of this book before it became unavailable. Scott Sigler is a friend and Crown recently scooped all of his books, including this gem. The good news there is that we'll probably see it again, the bad news is that it's no longer in print...for now.

BUT, when it comes back in print, it's well worth reading. It's a subterranean thriller, which I'm, for some reason, drawn to (my favorite novel is *The Descent*). *Earthcore* is fun, intelligent and scary. Three nights in a row I stayed up well past my bedtime reading this book.

Rather than go on about the book that you, for now, can't buy, I'd like to point out that Scott's new book, **INFECTED** will be released by Crown on April 1. I've read two of Scott's books now and I have no doubt in my mind that **INFECTED** will cause me to lose more sleep.

-- Jeremy Robinson
www.jeremyrobinsononline.com

Empress Reece (Hooked on Books) says

4.5 stars - Listened to audio

Karen says

Scott Sigler added another 50% to his original EarthCore book and re-released it this month. I bought both the Kindle and Audible versions because I like to read or listen without interruption no matter what I'm doing and will switch back and forth. In fact, I became so obsessed with EarthCore, I couldn't put it down for 3 minutes to get a snack or drink and would have to switch to the audio so I wouldn't miss anything!

And Sigler...! I spent 2 nights ago having nightmares ALL. NIGHT. LONG. What the...?! Thanks a lot!

I had been looking for a copy of EarthCore for the past couple of years so I was thrilled when it was revamped and released again! And it's now one of my top favs of Sigler's books. Also, it terrified me in parts almost as much as *Infected* did! Dang!

A major corporation manages to be first to a massive find of a precious metal miles underground; deeper than any other mine in the world. What they discovered knocked my socks off!

My favorite characters were, hands down, Patrick and Bertha.

And I must mention the incredible Ray Porter who did the performance for the audiobook! I became so lost in his words while driving that I missed my turn off. ...Twice!

I could easily see this book turned into a movie! It's action packed with lots of incredible tech. Hope you're not too squeamish though!
