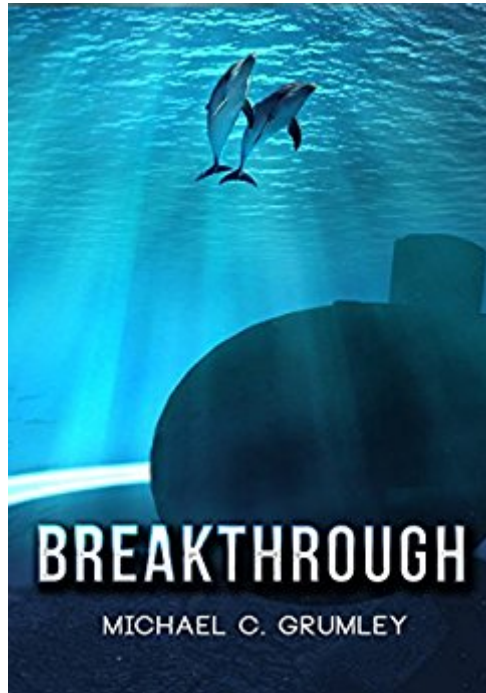




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Synopsis

ONE OF THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS IN HUMAN HISTORY. A SECRET THAT WAS NEVER SUPPOSED TO BE FOUND. AND A CRISIS THAT CANNOT BE STOPPED. Deep in the Caribbean Sea, a nuclear submarine is forced to suddenly abort its mission under mysterious circumstances. Strange facts begin to emerge that lead naval investigator, John Clay, to a small group of marine biologists who are quietly on the verge of making history. With the help of a powerful computer system, Alison Shaw and her team are preparing to translate the first two-way conversation with the planet's second smartest species. But the team discovers much more from their dolphins than they ever expected when a secret object is revealed on the ocean floor. One that was never supposed to be found. Alison was sure she would never trust the military again. However, when an unknown group immediately becomes interested in her work, Alison realizes John Clay may be the only person she can trust. Together they must piece together a dangerous puzzle, and the most frightening piece, is the trembling in Antarctica. To make matters worse, someone from the inside is trying to stop them. Now time is running out...and our understanding of the world is about to change forever.

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Customer Reviews

I am 72 years old and I have been reading science fiction since I discovered the genre 68 years ago. I remember well the first book I read, which was "Woman of the Dunes," by Kobo Abe. That book forever changed the way I looked at sand. Most of the current SciFi, seems ridiculous and does not expand the mind. This new voice brings back food for thought and it is well written. Thank you, Michael Crumley.

I really liked this book, everything seemed to flow well and it really captured my imagination and at some points I never wanted to put it down as I wanted to see what would happen next. I am going to buy the next book now to see how the story continues. Amazing how good a book can be without profanity and sex.

Michael C. Grumley has done an absolutely amazing job in his debut novel Breakthrough! With many first time authors their work reflects their lack of experience. That is certainly not the case here. While there were a few minor typos, they were easily overlooked. Grumley does a great job combining elements of speculative science fiction with action and thriller. His characters have a depth that make them easily believable and likable. I will certainly be reading the rest of this series!

Exciting, suspenseful book. A great premise, very well written and so informative. Three different stories which gradually intersect, and include Visitors from another planet and talking dolphins. How I'd love to talk to Dirk and Sally, too. I thoroughly recommend this book as I loved it!

An excellent first book from Michael. He established good characters that kept me interested in how they would solve the problem of an intelligent alien group sending our ocean water (in a benign, secret manner) back to their planet to save them from extinction. Of course they also had dolphins that we could communicate with to help, through computer translation, that made it interesting. While I enjoyed Michael's skillful talent in writing, the alien story line for me was a little "over the top" and the dolphin communication sent it a little further. Nevertheless, it was well done and his writing skills will likely have me checking out Leap, Amid the Shadows and Evan After. MJ

As an ELA teacher, I recently decided to reacquaint myself with the science fiction genre. After searching the endless, seemingly unending recommendations, Breakthrough was the starting point. I felt like the author has read many of the classic Dirk Pitt novels, and maybe I'm wrong, but Dirk the dolphin? Also, when one of the major discoveries was revealed, I noted "dial it up!" If you are looking for a novel light on the research (definitely not Crichton) and fun for the mind, I recommend reading this. If there are novels comparable to the detail of Arthur C. Clarke mixed with research of Michael Crichton, please share! I'm looking! Thank you.

Words fail to adequately express how entertained I have been with this book. As someone who has always been fascinated with the oceans and served in the US Navy, this book hit the holiest of holies for me. Its got several main characters, who are well realized, believable, and likable/sufferable. Characters to root for or against. The experiences these characters go thru are very varied and different from each other. This keeps things fresh. Hard to believe its a first novel, it has daused a paradigm shift in how I view new authors. I can make myself giddy thinking of all the possible stories that may be just around the corner from other new authors. In any case, this is one author to keep an eye on. As an aside, between the "bridges", aquatic life, action, and "science" this book is a literary version of Seaquest, DSV. Its not about subs, but thematically its similar and thats damn fine!

Different.--- Plot excellent. The book started slowly, however it gained momentum. At some point I thought that there were too many characters, too many names to recall.. I eventually got over that and focused on the story and really enjoyed the book. It ended with a surprise I did not see coming. I would recommend the book. to persons who love suspense, drama, and intrigue.. Combine this with military personnel (POTUS) Thankfully no "f" word. . Well done Mr. Grumley

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