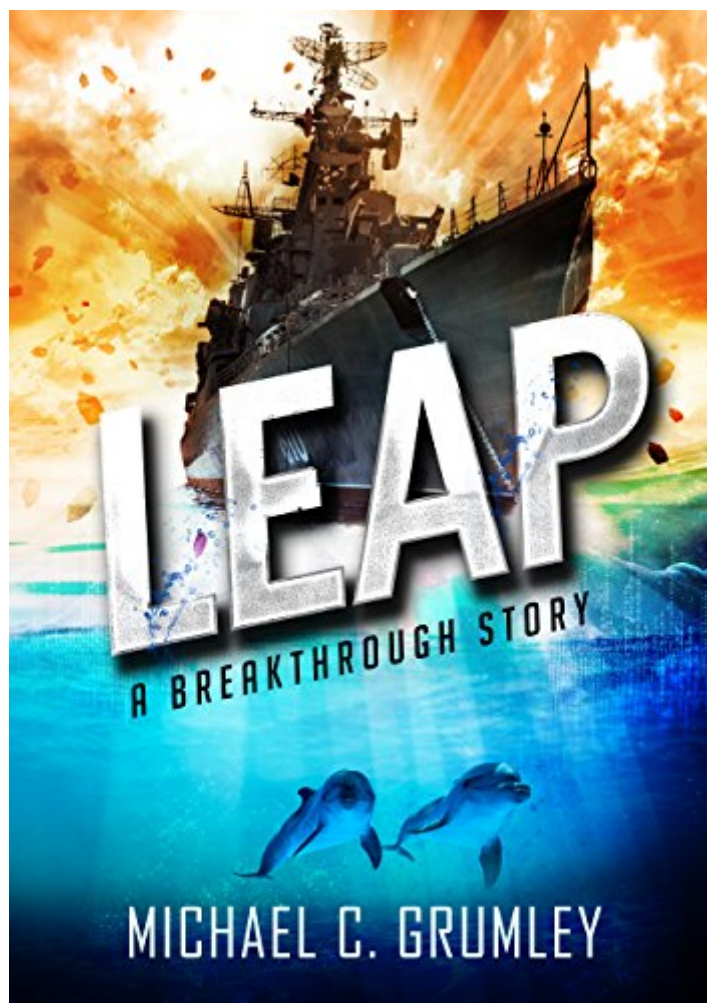


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Synopsis

ALL SECRETS ARE EVENTUALLY REVEALED, GIVEN ENOUGH TIME. Æ Æ DECADES OR EVEN CENTURIES. Æ Æ BUT ONE OF THE GREATEST SECRETS OF ALL...TOOK ONLY ONE SMALL, AND UNEXPECTED, DISCOVERY. Facing the cold, clear glass, Alison Shaw stared nervously into the giant seawater tank. It was just one year ago that she and her team of marine biologists had stunned the world with their incredible breakthrough. And now, they were about to do it again. But an ocean away, something strange was unfolding. Along a lonely coast in South America, an experimental Russian submarine, long thought to have been dismantled, Æ Æ has suddenly resurfaced. And the U.S. Navy has taken notice, sending officers John Clay and Steve Caesare to investigate. The sub has been studying a group of unmarked soldiers. Æ Æ Disappearing into the jungle each night beneath the cover of darkness. Something has been discovered...something big. And unfortunately, the soldiers are about to learn that making the find of the century is one thing. Keeping it, is another.

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Customer Reviews

In *Breakthrough*, Allison Shaw and her team made a breakthrough discovery working with two very lovable dolphins, Sally and Dirk. In *Leap*, the team is in a new research facility in Puerto Rico. They make such a discovery that is better described as a leap in science and technology. This discovery will have them questioning what it means to be an animal and what it means to be a human. The world will never be the same after they're discovery. However, not everyone will want to see it used for the betterment of mankind. Some will want to use the discovery for their own selfish, tyrannical and evil purposes. A thousand miles away surveillance has identified a mysterious vessel off the coast of Guyana. U.S. Naval investigators John Clay and Steve Caesare are dispatched to uncover it's true intent. They learn that someone has made the discovery of the century that could change life for every person on the planet and there are those prepared to go to war over it. You will see the normal greed aspect that fuels research and discovery. But you will also see, in rather poetic terms, that desperation also fuels research and discovery. Relationships blossom, new friends are made and, as with real life, we must say good bye to others. *Leap* is an exciting sequel to Michael Grumley's *Breakthrough*. I was highly anticipating this sequel and was not disappointed. *Leap* continues the *Breakthrough* story line but it can easily be read as a stand alone novel. However, *Breakthrough* will give you some foundation that will deepen your understanding and give you a richer reading experience. I read *Leap* in one sitting, I could not put it down. This novel is full of leaps. Not small leaps but huge leaps in science and technology. There is great quote in this book that made me think about our society: "How well do you believe your people would handle a true leap in knowledge, given their current use of fission and fusion devices? How well would they manage frequencies that can heal as well as harm? Mr. Borger, ingenuity is the ultimate gift of humankind. And conquest is the ultimate curse. They cannot be separated. Not yet. Not until you face the gravest threat to your planet's existence. Until you face mortality as a species, not as individuals. Only then can you glimpse true wisdom." These leaps are not overly done and are very realistic. We are facing some of these issues today! There is rich character development. He builds upon the relationships in the first novel. There are even leaps in those relationships. You will fall in love with the characters, especially the nonhuman ones. If Sally and Dirk won your heart in *Breakthrough*, you will totally fall in love with them in *Leap*! However, save some room in your heart for a couple more very special creatures. No, I am not going to tell you about them, no spoilers here. You must read the book. The book made me want more. The wonderful plot development and very fine tuned ending will make you think there just might be more coming! For me the mark of a great story is that it will stimulate the mind and move the heart! *Leap* is that kind of story. The story had me thinking about the implication of such discoveries. It made me feel like I personally knew the

characters. It elicited many emotions on many different levels. Leap, along with Breakthrough, Amid the Shadows and Evan After, is a good indicator that Michael Grumley is quickly moving to the front of the line of great story tellers. He continues to give us great story lines, lovable characters and believable science. He weaves all this into a story that makes you think about the human condition. Read it, you'll be glad you did.

Yes, Baldacci, you were right about this author. He is really good. I read the 4 book series and was very impressed by this author. The stories were fast paced with interesting characters. Book 2, very neatly slipped enough of book one to help the reader understand what was going on and to get a clearer view of the characters. But, the thing I found different from most other books is that there was no lack of explanation about scientific entities with which the book was dealing. Not being a scientist, I had no way of knowing if it was all accurate, but did recognize the accuracy when dealing with flying and scuba diving. Loved the book. Really loved the series. Couldn't put it down. You **MUST** start with Book 1 and read the entire series!!

An excellent book based on reality and current research into communication with a tantalizing twist of plot, making for a superior read. This book has elements of hard science combined with absorbing characters and situations. The international flavor, along with government intrigue and "what if" situations makes for a plausible storyline. Highly recommended for science fiction readers with an emphasis on credible fiction.

Grumley just gets better with each book. I read Catalyst first and enjoyed it but then I got to start at the beginning with Breakthrough and then immediately on to Leap and realized that Cussler had been surpassed. Will he catch Clancy? Probably.

Leap by Michael C. Grumley is the second in the Breakthrough series and continues following the characters from Breakthrough (book one). An intriguing mix of adventure, mystery, science, and far-ranging conspiracies, it's on par with the adventure thrillers of Clive Cussler and James Rollins. Several interlaced plots dealing with dolphin and ape communication, plants with unusual properties, extending one's life span, and aliens. With any thriller there is death & destruction with a dose of violence. Personally I found it to be a great read, and a new series that I am enjoying immensely.

This book was absolutely fascinating. The author has an extremely creative mind and is able to work with two plots, moving back and forth from one to the other. The fact that a scientist could converse with dolphins or apes was fascinating! This went beyond sign language. Also, the anti-aging factor was explored as the main topic of one of the plots. There is some murder and violence, as well as political intrigue. I found this well worth reading!

This is a fun and thought-provoking book. I liked the first one in the series too. Have been reading some non-fiction books recently about evolution and always have a scientifically-based book on the nightstand about animal behavior so having a fiction book combine a couple of my favorite topics is a "can't miss" with me. Mr. Grumley has a wonderful imagination and some day we may find his ideas have more of a basis in science than we know now. He has strong female characters to match the strong heroes who are reminiscent of some of my other favorite male story models (thinking of Dirk Pitt). The storyline moves quickly and is written through the eyes of several of the lead characters. I sometimes found it difficult to slow down and savor each moment as I was anxious to find out "what next"? This series is fiction but certainly makes me stop and think - what if and invites conversations with friends about "could it be possible?" Looking forward to the rest of the series.

If Star Trek was to leap into outer space, this story was leap into inner space. Understanding there is so much we don't know, in Leap we begin to gain some clarity about the unknown right in front of us. I found the several story lines that intersected at various points to be well written along with the human characters. The additional mammal characters of Sally, Dirk and Dolce were equally warm and endearing.

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