



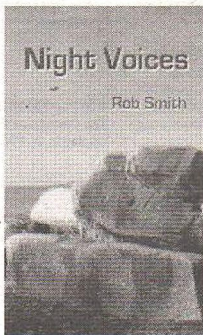
Book Reviews



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Night Voices by Rob Smith. 330 pages. Paperback \$15.95. Hardback \$29.95 Drinian



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This is an exciting novel of adventure with some anthropology, ancient religious philosophy, geology and romance thrown together to describe how a group of sailing yacht owners react to a doomsday scenario.

Shrader Marks and Cathy Pearson begin having the same dreams of an impending disaster about two weeks before the scientific community announces that a meteor strike of the earth is imminent. Shrader has studied ice-age communities and believes that, in order to survive, he must get from Lake Ontario where his boat is moored, to the coast of Labrador where he has studied the remains of

Neolithic civilizations. A small group of eight boats with twelve children and seventeen adults sets out on this survival mission.

When the meteor hits Antarctica, continental plates shift, volcanoes erupt, tsunamis hit the coast, and the entire seaboard of every continent is engulfed in water. Temperatures rise, only to plummet as the ash obscures the sun.

Competing and cooperating players make this a study in group dynamics as each family group has to decide if it will follow Shrader and Cathy on this dangerous trip.

The ending indicates that a sequel is planned, to see if this small group can survive as another ice age begins.

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