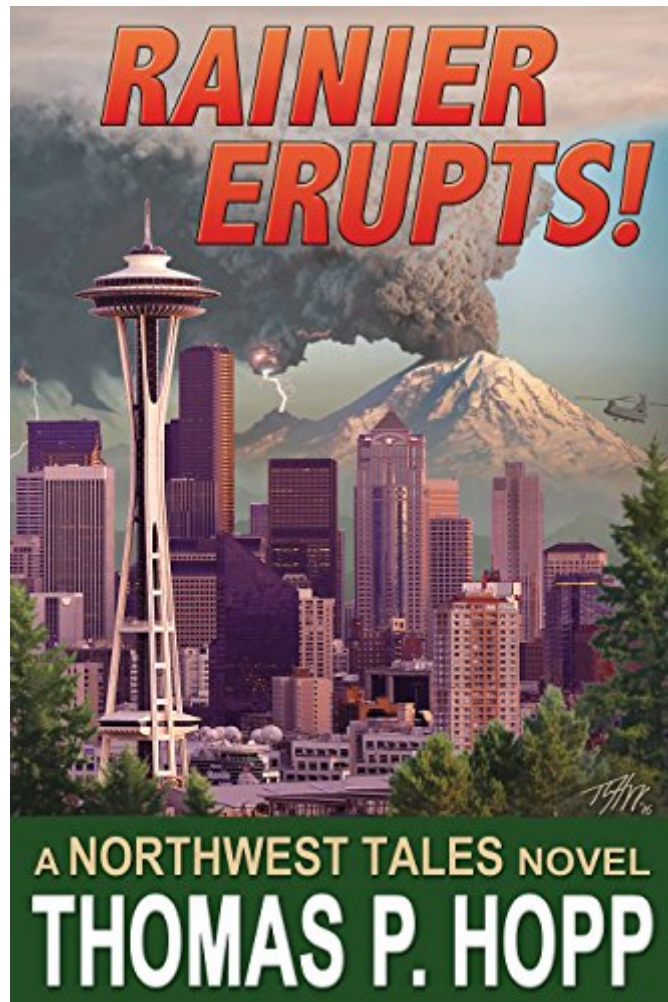


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# Rainier Erupts!



## Synopsis

Mount Rainier is one of the most dangerous volcanoes on earth because of its awe-inspiring size and close proximity to the population centers of Seattle and Tacoma. What if this primordial giant were to erupt tomorrow? Thomas P. Hopp vividly portrays the all-too-possible day when the mountain unleashes its pent-up fury. Enter a world gone mad with explosions that dwarf nuclear bombs, giant mudflows, choking ashfalls, and spouting red-hot lava. Flee in desperation with mountain climbers caught in the first outbursts. Experience one family's struggle to survive when their home is swept away by a lahar mudflow. Fly with helicopter crews risking their own lives to save others. Learn Nisqually Indian legends of this White Mountain called Tacobet. Observe scientists predicting the volcano's next outburst. Follow government officials trying to stave off catastrophe. **RAINIER ERUPTS!** is a heart-stopping true-to-life look at the horrors and heroism that would mark such a day of disaster.

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## Customer Reviews

Mount Saint Helens was a pip-squeek compared to this monster. Mount Rainier is much bigger and

much closer to big cities, and the author never lets you forget it. A real page-turner. And the most terrifying thing is that it could happen. The story follows a fairly large cast of characters as they struggle to survive in the face of almost unimaginable calamities. I especially liked following Jake and Sophie, the young man and woman who were climbing on the mountain when the first small outburst happened. It wasn't a small thing for them. It was literally a cliff hanger. One thing that is truly amazing about how Hopp writes, is his ability to subtly fill your head with scientific facts (like, what is a lahar) while your attention is focussed on whether a character you have grown to like is about to be killed. This is gripping stuff. Reminds me of Michael Crichton at his best—or even better. All in all, this is a well done tale of horror and heroism. In some cases, people escape when you thought they never could make it. Other times they are, well, not so lucky. The story is full of plot twists to match the winding path of a mudflow headed for Seattle or Tacoma. Wow. And it is worth mentioning, there is no profanity or violence (other than the mountain) in this book. Hopp writes about decent, normal people who just happen to be at the wrong place at the wrong time. I will definitely read more by him if he keeps up his fast pace and great science-based tale telling. Bravo!

Well written entertaining book written from a scientific point of view. Thomas Hopp talked about how rapidly problems could occur politically and scientifically. The difficulty of planning a government response to an event that might not happen at all was investigated. This fictional eruption was unpredictably violent and the worst case scenario. A narrator viewed the situation through the eyes of people who were involved from climbers to scientists to people in neighborhoods, including how traffic jams created evacuation problems as well as how people in boats were affected. This book should be required reading for people who live in the area of the mountain who could be affected by a major eruption.

I liked the book. It is exactly what I hoped it would be. The characters were developed so that I found myself wondering if they would survive. I did feel that the eruption should have lasted longer. But I did find the book an enjoyable read. Very few righting errors. If you like the kind of story the will not disappoint.

What could have been a story of terror and devastation includes a cast of compelling characters. I loved this book for its combination of science, history and heart. As a WA native, I admired the author's knowledge of the geography and communities in western WA --as well as his thorough

examination of the unthinkable explosion of our greatest volcano. Now I'm going to read more from Tom Hopp!

Being a lover of disaster movies this books plot really appealed to me. The action starts right away with a climbing team getting into trouble while climbing a suddenly active Mt Rainier. The action continues as we meet other characters & see how the sudden eruption affects them & their families. While I enjoyed the story, I was pretty accurate in my guessing as far as who would and who would not make it. I also thought it wrapped up pretty quickly. If you like disaster movies or novels, this book is worth a look for sure.

Having spent most of my life in Pacific Northwest I was able to identify with this novel. The writing was good and kept you reading until the end. I'd like to think the authors imagination will never manifest itself into a real world scenario. Now I will have to rethink where I want to live when I move back. This novel does give you some food for thought and when I can remember a week later how good it was, says something about the writing. Good Job!

Well done novel about a potential - but not impossible - disaster. I normally read non-fiction and have read several of those books about the possibility of a megaquake or eruption in the state. The science in the novel is right on and most of the characters are believable if somewhat typical. My only complaint is that there was not a map which would have been extremely helpful to those who do not live in Washington state.

I found Rainer Erupts! completely engrossing. The story follows a chopper pilot, mountain climbers, scientists, politicians, a Native American fisherman, and a suburban family as they react to a natural disaster. Author Tom Hopp knows his topic, and crafted a suspenseful tale of a frightening scenario that could actually happen. Would you be prepared? Would you know what to do if Rainier erupted? I'm afraid I would have been washed away in the first lahar. You'll be rooting for the characters to win the battle against Mother Nature...well, almost all of them!

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