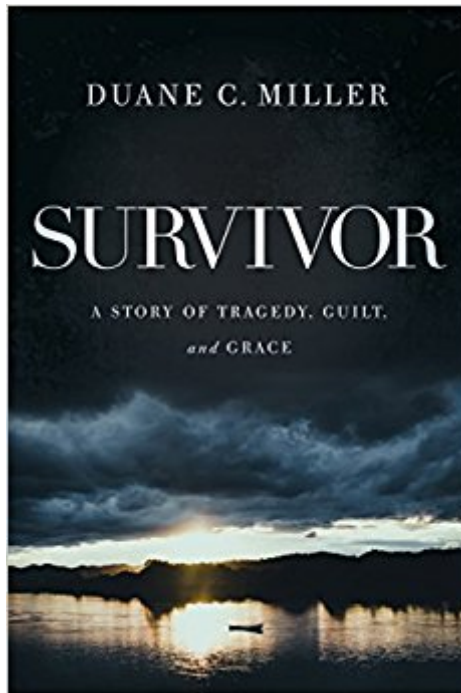




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# Survivor: A Story Of Tragedy, Guilt, And Grace



## Synopsis

A group of nature lovers and canoeing enthusiasts trekked into the Canadian wilderness with fun and adventure on their minds. But an enjoyable retreat turned into a nightmare when three young men drowned during a storm. Duane Miller was 17 years old on that expedition, and now more than 40 years later, he writes a dramatic, firsthand account of the accident and its aftermath. As the gripping tale unfolds, watch how God uses seemingly hopeless circumstances to bring about His own glory.

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## Customer Reviews

"The rolling waves of a storm-tossed lake forced Duane Miller to face mortality, battering his soul with grief and guilt. Yet in his mercy, God salvaged his life from its watery wreckage.

Duane's story of survival will speak to anyone who questions whether God can bring good from the sorrows of this earth." (Nancy B. Kennedy, author of *Miracles & Moments of Grace: Inspiring Stories of Survival*) "In *Survivor*, Duane Miller does a masterful job of helping his reader understand the sovereignty of God and shows how He carefully orchestrates the difficult seasons of our lives for His glory and our good." (Dr. Darrell Farney, Prayer Coordinator, USA, for Evangelism Explosion) "Survivor guides the reader through a riveting account of a real-life tragedy on a Canadian lake for this author and his camp brothers. Duane candidly shares how God lifted him up from guilt and despair and how we can likewise be delivered through full repentance in Christ. *Survivor* is a book you will want to give to friends and family that shows the profound impact a life sold out to God can have on others." (Carl Ralston, founder and president of Remember Nhu

(remembernhu.org))"So often we only see the tragedy and never see the good God who brings beauty from ashes and never once leaves us. Duane beautifully weaves his remarkable story with the thread of God's grace through every aspect. Written with candor, detail, and humor this is a must read. I cried, I laughed, I was encouraged, and I fell just a little bit more in love with my Jesus. As the book says, 'With the Lord, there are not accidents, only incidents that draw us closer to Him.' This book does just that, draws you closer to Jesus." (Melissa J. MacDonald, author of Missing and National Children's Disciplemaking Specialist, Christian and Missionary Alliance)

"Because of who God is, things never go wrong—they only go different. •  
•from the introduction • In the summer of 1970, a group of young campers set out for a canoeing adventure in Ontario's Algonquin Provincial Park. The weather did not cooperate, making the outing at first wet and uncomfortable, and then downright dangerous. When the storm grew fierce, capsizing canoes, three young men drowned. Duane Miller was one of those left clinging to a canoe, fighting for his life. The fact that he survived when others didn't left him questioning the choices he made during the crisis. Although God used this event powerfully to transform many involved, Duane grappled with the tragedy for years before finally allowing God's peace to set him free. Survivor is the true story of how God used tragedy on a wilderness lake to work for ultimate good. Journey with Duane Miller through the deep waters of grief, guilt, and depression into hope, peace, and a new sense of purpose.

Duane Miller's memoir of a canoe accident which took the lives of three men of God is an exceptional read. He clearly shows God's hand in all that happened, and explains through the experience how man's free will is used by God for good. I recommend this autobiography for youth to read.

Even if this wasn't a story that affected my family forever, I would still consider it powerful and well written!

I gave this book 5 stars because it is a very heart felt story. I would recommend this book to everyone who likes to read. Especially to those who don't know Christ, in hopes that this book will bring people to know Jesus. Elouise Saunders

My husband said this was a powerful read. We enjoyed reading it together as it challenged us to think on our faith and the opportunities God gives us to be a testimony of the Good News.

I was on that trip and Duane did a great job in the details and accuracy of the events. I so appreciated his personal and family reflections. It was a very difficult time in my life but God did show His grace and care for us every step of the way.

amazing book I enjoyed it a lot, bit smaller than I hoped but it was a great read

My husband & I both enjoyed this book. Our teen sons will be reading it next

I highly recommend that you read this book! I was moved to tears several times. This powerful story grips you tight and will leave you thinking about it long after you turn the final page. This is a story about faith, perseverance, redemption, and trusting in God and His designed plan. I cannot imagine the horrors and heartbreak that these young men experienced on that day in the Canadian wilderness. The intro describing the Trail to Life Camp sounds amazing. I would love to experience a place like that. It reminded me of my time as a camper and counselor at our local Boy Scout Camp, except that TTLIC was focused on making soldiers for Christ. These young men learned how to be disciples in their community and schools, but they also learned the value of preparedness and survival. Nothing they learned could prepare them for the tragedy they experienced that day. However, they soon realized that God always has a plan. He planned to use these young men and this unthinkable experience to further His Kingdom. As the story goes along we learn more about God's timing. I am a firm believer that everything happens for a reason. This group of guys found themselves at the place and time that God designed a few times on their journey. Shortly after the tragedy, the author says he was reminded of Romans 8:28 - "We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." This verse gave them comfort and hope in the wake of what they had experienced. However, the author later describes how he used this verse as a tool to hide the demons battling inside of himself. I love this quote from a pastor in the book - "With the Lord, there are never accidents, only incidents that draw us closer to Him." This story reminds me of a popular song out right now "In the Eye of the Storm", which reminds us that God is always in control, no matter the situation. I believe this book would make a great movie. It would reach a much larger audience in hopes that more lives would be changed by its message. The end of the book invites the reader to accept Jesus as their

personal savior, providing questions and key scriptures designed to lead someone to Christ. I highly recommend this book to all Christians. The story of what happened after that fateful day in the Canadian wilderness is truly life changing. I received this as a free ARC from Discovery House Publishers on NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

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