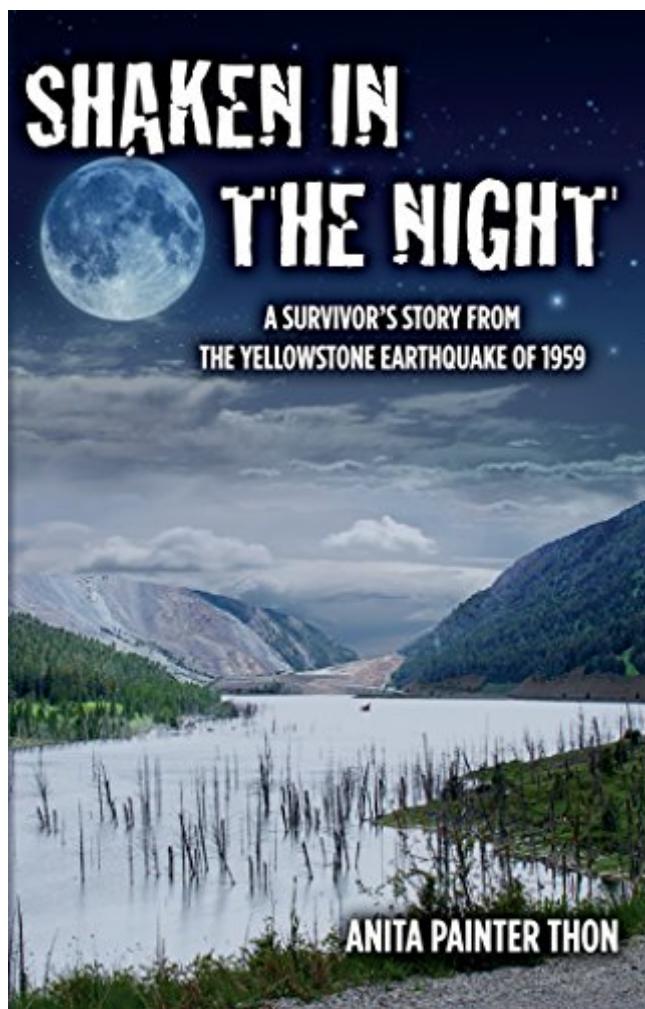


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# Shaken In The Night: A Survivor's Story From The Yellowstone Earthquake Of 1959.



## **Synopsis**

Deep into the night of August 17, 1959, a group of campers in West Yellowstoneâ™s Madison River Canyon become suddenly and keenly aware that the earth on which they sleep is a living, breathing planet. What is a simple shudder for Earth is a life-changing event for its inhabitants. Five of those are members of the Painter family. Anita and her twin sister had just ten days ago turned twelve, and the familyâ™s trek to Yellowstone is a birthday celebration. Little do they know this night will slam the two girls, on the cusp of youth, headlong into adulthood. The 7.5 magnitude earthquake rocks the entire region, defacing the mountain and sending hurricane force winds and river water tearing through the campsite. Anitaâ™s personal account of this night is a frightening and tragic story of panic, horror, and courage in the face of disaster. It is also a reminder of the human spiritâ™s resilience and selflessness, as perfect strangers unite to save lives, even at the risk of their own. Life is a fragile miracle, and Anita reminds us to cherish every day and treat it like the gift that it is, lest weâ™re ever shaken in the night.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Thank you Anita for writing and sharing your story. My Mother and Sister met you and your husband at the 50th anniversary of the quake at Refuge point. We were in Halford Camp Cabins the night of the quake. You spoke to us about writing a book and we were so excited to see that you did. I bought the book for my Mother in May for her birthday. She enjoyed reading your account. Although, I think it is hard for the parents who had children to worry about to go back to that night of terror. I decided to wait and read it on this the 56th anniversary of the quake. As a family we have returned to that area many times, but you always come away feeling uneasy and humble that many suffered and didn't make it through such an ordeal. When you ride through the canyon and wind down by the river and dam, see half a mountain that came down and slide up the other side, it is amazing to me that anyone came out of that canyon alive. I will be thinking about those events throughout the day tomorrow August, 17th. It is good to keep the memory of those events in writing and in getting those together who did make it out. Hope to see you at the 60th. Sincerely Nancy Roberts

Another favorite written by a survivor of the quake, Anita Painter Thon. She was a twin, age 12 when the quake hit. Her family was camped in the Rock Creek campground the night of the quake. Her mother and father were badly injured, her mother died a few days later in the Bozeman hospital. Her dad, two sisters and herself never recovered emotionally from the terrible night. Anita is the only member of her family to ever return to the site several years later.

It was my sister who was involved in that horrible disaster in Yellowstone National park earthquake in 1995, because of my sisters injuries she passed away. I am so proud of Anita to come forward and tell the real story of what happened on that tragic night. Throughout the book Anita gives the true story of the events that was the cause of her mother's death. It was good to read how strangers came forward to give help and comfort to three little children. When tragedy like these happen they will affect our lives forever, thanks Anita for having the courage to tell this story just like it really happened. I sure give the book a 5 star rating.

Excellent account of what happened to Anita's family when they were swept up in the 1959 Yellowstone Earthquake. Anita firsthand account puts the reader alongside her as she retells her experience of the days leading up to and living through the earthquake. You will be put right in the scene as you read this sad sad story. Well written and documented, a must have book if you love a thrilling albeit sad adventure.

I highly recommend this book. Anita Painter Thon tells the moving story of what happened to her family during and after the tragedy. Several books and articles have been written about the Hebgen Lake earthquake, but nothing can replace the first-person account from a survivor. Five stars.

Really a waste of money. There is no new information. It's a very, very thin book. It reads like it's written by a 12 year old instead of an adult. I can appreciate the experience and tragedy she went through, but this "book" is worthless.

I heard about the earthquake by my mother-in-law and saw pictures in her photo album. Her family spent a lot of time in Yellowstone and had wonderful pictures. I have also been to Yellowstone quite a few times but have not visited the area referred to in this story. The story was short and sweet and an easy read.

This was a great book. Enjoyed hearing about her experience so long ago. Especially because she is my relative. I'm so glad she told her story. I can't imagine the fear of all those people. I wish the medical help was better back then. Maybe not so many would have lost their lives.

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