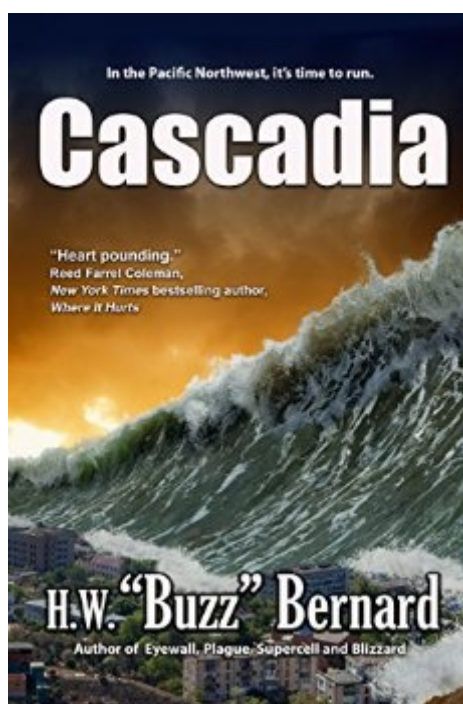


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# Cascadia



## Synopsis

If you live in the Pacific Northwest, get ready to run for your life . . . In the face of a massive earthquake and tsunami in the Pacific Northwest, a respected geologist must make two gut-wrenching decisions. One could cost him his reputation, the other, his life. Is the Northwest overdue for a huge quake and tsunami, or will the region remain safe for hundreds of years yet to come? No one knowsâ | or does someone? Dr. Rob Elwood, a geologist whose specialty is earthquakes and tsunamis, is having nightmares of "the big one" that are way too real to disregard. His friend, a counselor and retired reverend, does not think Rob is going nuts. To the contrary, he believes the dreams are premonitions to be taken seriously. No one else does, however, even after a press conference. Some live to regret it, most don't. Rob's drama becomes intertwined with others--a retired fighter pilot trying to make amends to a woman he jilted decades ago and a quixotic retiree searching for legendary buried treasure in the rugged coastal mountains of Oregon. All are about to live Rob's nightmare. "Riveting, scary, and entirely believable . . . a compelling, page-turning thriller with the ring of truth." Jerry Thompson, author of *Cascadia's Fault* H. W. "Buzz" Bernard, a native Oregonian born in Eugene and raised in Portland, is a best-selling, award-winning novelist. His debut novel, *Eyewall*, which one reviewer called a "perfect summer beach read," was released in May 2011 and went on to become a number-one best seller in 's Kindle Store. Before becoming a novelist, Buzz worked at The Weather Channel in Atlanta, Georgia, as a senior meteorologist for thirteen years. Prior to that, he served as a weather officer in the U.S. Air Force for over three decades. He attained the rank of colonel and his "airborne" experiences include a mission with the Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunters, air drops over the Arctic Ocean and Turkey, and a stint as a weather officer aboard a Tactical Air Command airborne command post (C-135).

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## Customer Reviews

I mostly liked it but it has two problems one major and one minor which is why I only gave it a three. The minor is it is a bit preachy, you know, lots of time spent warning us why this is such a bad thing and how we should prepared. Okay I can live with that. What totally turned me off though was a really major plot flaw I won't describe in case I spoil it but I will say this. In an extreme emergency where there have been mass casualties and healthy people who have a decent chance of being rescued still floating out at sea on tsunami wreckage I just can't see a rescue boat of any kind hanging about waiting to assist one very gravely injured woman in a highly improbable and extremely dangerous rescue. Triage and targeting of resources where the most lives can be saved would be the rule of the day. Besides, the hospitals would be far too swamped with those they can certainly save to waste resources on those who might not make it no matter what they do. I think she would have been triaged with a black tag not a red one in such a situation and they do have really good trauma centres in places other than Portland. Beyond that major, and I mean really major, plot hole it was a pretty good book, mostly well written, and I will read some of his others.

Just ok.It took more than a quarter of the book to really get into it. I found that by 30% of the way in, I was bored and almost stopped reading.I understand that you have to set up the scene and the different people, realizing that they would all be involved together in some way after the earthquake and tsunami, but to not have anything gripping at all until you're more than halfway through makes me lose interest.Once things really got started, then it got a lot better and what I'm used to from this author.Just an ok story for me.

I admit to being a fan of Buzz Bernard's suspenseful novels, and I had no disappointment with "Cascadia." The author has no reluctance to destroy things dear to him geographically...his debut novel "Eyewall" mangled St. Simons Island (home of a writers conference over which Buzz will

preside the next couple of years), followed by "Plague" in which a madman plans to release the Ebola virus into Buzz's own neighborhood. Now he brings a tale of massive destruction to his native Pacific Northwest in an event he drills into us as something that WILL happen (but who knows when?). While Bernard spins his weather expertise into another suspenseful climax, it's the characters he creates that make all his books come to life. In this case, it's a man willing to put his career on the line over a dream that he "just knows" is more than a dream. Despite caveats from his wife and almost everyone else (save one religious counselor), he goes public with his prediction and receives the expected sneers of derision which multiply when his correct vision was incorrectly predicted time-wise. Reluctantly courageous, protagonist Rob emerges from the battle with battle scars, which are far less than those inflicted by Mother Nature on the Pacific Coast. You might need to suspend disbelief a bit on the outcome of some of the secondary characters, namely Shack, but don't miss this great read.

Dr. Rob Elwood, a respected geologist, has studied the Cascadia Subduction Zone, a dangerous fault off the coast of the Pacific Northwest, for years. Now he's having repeated nightmares of a massive earthquake and tsunami striking the region. Knowing he's placing his reputation and career at risk, he goes public with his premonitions. The quake fails to occur and Rob fears he's lost everything. But the disaster does strike, just not when expected, and Rob finds himself not only vindicated, but hurled abruptly into a life-and-death rescue mission with his private aircraft. Rob's story intersects with several others, including that of a retired fighter pilot attempting to make amends to a woman he jilted twenty-five years earlier, and another of an elderly black man searching for legendary buried treasure along the rugged Oregon coast.

Cascadia was one of those books you simply can't put down. The characters engage you and you feel you know them. I found myself rooting for them throughout the story. Mr. Bernard made Oregon come alive. His descriptions of the terrain and of earthquakes and tsunamis were such that I could see it in my mind's eye. I have read all of Buzz's books but this is his best...so far!! Read it...it will keep you up late. Cascadia exceeded all expectations. In fact, it would be a great movie!!

A very enjoyable and quick read as to the inevitable Cascadia catastrophe. The book started a little slowly, but once it got going, it became a non-stop ride down the slippery slope to disaster. Well developed and believable characters and great action. Believable descriptions of the inevitable future Cascadia mega quake and tsunami. The book will make a great disaster movie. Like all of

Buzz Bernard's books that I have read, highly recommended.

This is a 'day read'. Had high hopes due to advertisements and the 'cascadia' scare on the coast. This felt like a 'chick' novel though. I expected more hypothetical scenarios involving the aftermath of the mega-quake, but instead received a novel about romantic relationships. Maybe this will intrigue others, just wasn't my cup of tea.

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