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Linda Westendorp - Run From the Water

(AUTO)BIOGRAPHY



A group of six tour guides is celebrating Christmas Eve on a Thai beach in 2004. The toast to their lives by the azure water beneath the palm trees and amongst the ecstatic vacationers.

The next day their paradise is hit by one of the biggest disasters in recent history, killing 230,000 people. The merry 'Team Phuket' instantly transforms into an untrained emergency battalion at the bizarre battlefield left behind by the sea. They rescue guests, search for missing people, and inform relatives of terrible news. They quickly learn that there is a thin line between life and death which isn't very clear at all. And that a disaster will bring out the best and worst in people. One tourist takes care of dozens of injured people, and on the same spot another demands a refund for their 'inconveniences'.

They support each other during that insane week to prevent personal meltdowns. The disaster will for always bind them. When the

group gets back together again after many years, they realize that they can only truly speak with one another about the horrendous days after the tsunami.

One of them, Linda, documents everything the group experienced. *Run From the Water* is a immersive story about life and death, giving and taking, friendship and loss.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Linda Westendorp was born in the Netherlands but has been living in Granada, Spain, since 2012. She studied Tourism, went on various international adventures and finally settled in the south of Spain. She has lived in over ten different countries and is fluent in English, Spanish, French, and German. She is currently writing her second book.

RECOMMENDATION

‘A gripping story, both personal and universal. About such a disaster and how people can deal with it. And autobiographical report with reflection. Easy to read, immersive, written for a large audience, and valuable too as a historical source.’

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