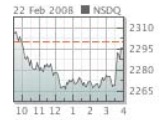




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What if everyone in your life disappeared?

Joe Benedict/Staff Writer

Sam Dimas doesn't like his job, family or life. One morning, fighting a hangover, he gets in his car and there's a freak storm. The Chicago sky opens up. It doesn't last long, but when it's over his wife and many others are simply gone.

That's how the book by Dallas City, Ill. writer Craig Harms begins. Readers follow Dimas through his journey from "disappearance day" through the formation of the one world government and Dimas' job at a company making microchips to implant in people.

Harms said the book started out as a story about the end times, but ended up molding itself into a story about this man's struggle and a lesson about not taking blind faith in the government and media. Harms said people should do a little research into what is told to them.

The book also carries a message for people to appreciate family and friends because they might not all disappear in the rapture, but we never know day-to-day what may happen.

That fact got this book its start, in fact. Harms married his wife, Sue, in 1992. She had a 7-year-old son, Jaime Scott Ray. Jaime died a few years later.



"To keep my sanity, I started to write a story," Harms said. "I didn't set out to write a book."

But the story did turn into a book. It was all handwritten and Harms worked on it off and on for 10-12 years. He let a professor friend from Carl Sandburg College read it and the professor told him he needed to get it edited and submit it to publishers.

He did that and the book must have value because the first publisher he submitted his manuscript to - Lighthouse Publishing, a

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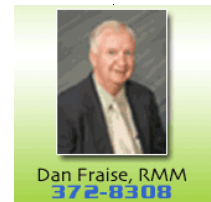


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Christian fiction and nonfiction publisher - agreed to publish the book.

Harms said he feels incredibly lucky because he knows this publisher gets 250,000 submissions a year and his book caught someone's attention. Even more incredible about this story is that Harms had no agent to push for the publication of his book.

He gives all credit for Day Omega to Jaime and would like to help others with money from the book.

His first book signing is going to be on Sunday, Feb. 24 at the 1850s Guest House near Dallas City, Ill. Copies of his book will be available to purchase and be signed by Harms. Proceeds from the \$15 books will go to various area charities in Jaime's name. Harms also hopes to have several more area book signings at stores like The Bookmark in Fort Madison sometime this spring. People can look at his schedule and learn more about the book on his website, www.dayomega.com.

Harms said he's working on two more books after seeing success with Day Omega.

Harms received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Nebraska School of Journalism in advertising and his Master of Science degree from Western Illinois University in instructional design & technology.

His career choices have included advertising, research, writing and stints in the broadcasting and entertainment industries. He currently writes for a New York, N.Y. art gallery and is a member of American Christian Fiction Writers.

Harms lives in Dallas City, Ill. with his wife Sue, their dogs, cats and a flock of very lively parrots.

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