

The Stranger in the Lifeboat By Mitch Albom

No one knew what caused the multimillion dollar yacht to sink. There had been an explosion and the lives of many important people, along with crew members and a child, find themselves thrown together. Another figure, who nobody seemed to know, was pulled into the raft without any visible injuries. Someone said, "Thank the Lord we found you." The stranger answered, "I am the Lord."

The story is told through a journal that the main character is writing to his wife. He writes in the hopes that someone will find it and he assumes he will not survive. The plot moves from dialog in the raft, to news coverage of the sinking, to discovery of the empty raft. The journal is found on the raft by an individual of local authority but keeps the discovery a secret.

Hope, faith, death, disbelief all intertwine in one of Mitch Albom's best writings. Told on 267 pages, this is an enjoyable read that will keep you glued to the words.

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