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Editorial Review

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In October 1984, a commuter plane crashed in northern Alberta. Of the 10 people aboard, there were 4 survivors: the pilot, an RCMP constable, the prisoner he was transporting, and the author's father, the late Larry Shaben, Alberta's housing minister. Journalist Shaben relies heavily on the memories of the survivors, who formed an improbable bond as they waited, desperately, to be rescued from almost certain death from their injuries and from the freezing temperature. The rescue comes about halfway through the book. The rest of it explores the crash's aftermath and the lives of the survivors. Paul Archambault's story is the most interesting. A prisoner with a long rap sheet (car theft, breaking and entering), he became a hero after the crash, saving the RCMP constable's life and helping to keep his fellow survivors warm and safe until the rescuers came. For him, the crash was a life-changing event, but ultimately his life ended tragically. Although author Shaben's father was one of the survivors, she divides the limelight among all four of them. -David Pitt

Review

"Gripping and emotionally affecting. . . a deep and satisfying book." *Washington Post*

"[Shaben] vividly recreates how these four total strangers managed to survive the tragedy." *New York Post*

"With *Into the Abyss* Carol Shaben gives us an astonishing true story of catastrophe and redemption. Shaben writes from the inside out, as in the best non-fiction, creating a nuanced and tightly braided portrait of four men and their shared trauma that is by turns terrifying and deeply humane. Every line in this story rings true." *John Vaillant, author of The Tiger*

"Electrifying...Shaben's riveting narrative is filled with heart and the story is well told." *Publishers Weekly*

"[T]his is a complex, chilling narrative rendered with depth and precision, engaged in both its characters and the larger social moment... A worthy addition to the canon of extreme-survival nonfiction." *Kirkus*

"As a concept, it doesn't get much better [than this]... *Into the Abyss* is in the best traditions of true-life journalism and grips from beginning to end." *Iain Finlayson, The Times*

"The gripping account . . . is ultimately about the survivors, telling the story in scouring yet respectful detail of the four men who limped away from the fatal crash." *Fish Griwkowsky, Edmonton Journal*

"A story that has haunted Vancouver-based writer Carol Shaben, Larry's daughter, since it happened... She was able to use [Archambault's] story to take readers along on that stormy night, to the side of a mountain where four men struggled to stay alive overnight alongside the six others who had died." *Tracy Sherlock, Vancouver Sun*

About the Author

Carol Shaben won two Canadian National Magazine Awards--a Gold Medal for Investigative Reporting and a Silver Medal for Politics and Public Interest--for articles that highlighted the subject of this book.

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