


# Lives Shaken, Stirred and Strained in Aftershock, 1989 San Francisco Earthquake Novel

*Three disaster survivors must survive each other*

WATSONVILLE, CA, US, March 12, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake changed—and ended—many Bay Area lives. There were heroes, there were villains, and there were many people shaken (at first, literally) to the core. A huge event like that can throw lives together in startling ways, and that's the subject of my new self-published novel, [Aftershock](#).

Aftershock is the story of three earthquake survivors who must then survive each other. They are a scheming would-be novelist, his prim, closet-alcoholic boss and a discerning homeless veteran have their fates thrown together by the 1989 S.F. earthquake. The distinct first-person voice of the schemer, and that of the homeless veteran and the secret alcoholic make for an at times rollicking, at times sad collision of lives. Their interplay is disastrous, surprising, and richly human. Through the fragile fault lines of these rocky relationships runs humor, loss and longing for connection.

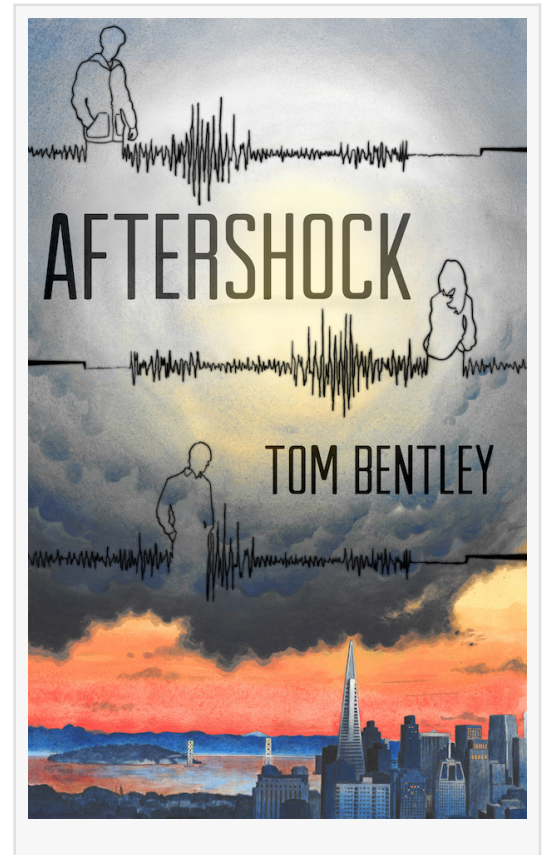
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I wrote the story because I lived in San Francisco at the time of the quake, and had quake-related experiences with people who became models for certain aspects of the main characters. Of course, San Francisco itself is a rich setting for fiction. The disaster circumstances called out to be made into a coherent novel.

I'm a fiction writer, business writer and editor, essayist, and travel writer. I've published hundreds of freelance pieces—ranging from first-person essays to travel pieces to more journalistic subjects—in newspapers, magazines, and online. My book on finding and cultivating your writer's voice, *Think Like a Writer: How to Write the Stories You See* was published in 2015.

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