



Ithyanna: Last Daughter of Atlantis by Don Edward Cook

How the World Ended Millennia Ago Series Book One.

IN THE DAYS OF NOAH, IN AN ANCIENT WORLD OF ANXIETY.

Noah warned the world about the coming flood yet, outside of his family, no one listened. Ancient prophecies, signs, and omens pointed to coming worldwide disaster-yet no one listened. Signs in the environment and society provided humanity with another set of warnings-yet no one listened!

No one listened ... except for an Atlantean telepathic wunderkind-scientist, Ithyanna. Ithy, as her friends called her, saw the impending destruction and, through her extensive doctoral research, urged the building of at least one spaceark to carry a nucleus of humans to safety. But only a handful of people signed on, one of them a wealthy financier-cultural demagogue, and thus work began on Project Life-Escape and its starship of life. Battling ever-growing economic woes, scoffing masses, the duplicity of her benefactor, a growing threat of all-out war with totalitarian Lemuria, and resistance from the Divine, Ithyanna and her project workers toil bravely to save humanity. But will Ithyanna's valiant efforts to get humans to another world succeed ... or fail?

Review by VAL5.0 out of 5 Stars. A most unusual and exciting novel! A complex apocalyptic novel with

a large cast of characters, this imaginative and interesting saga is an unusual and fascinating meld of biblical, modern, and future times, with plenty of action, drama and suspense, and a satisfying, unexpected ending...

Ithyanna and her sister Bee grow up in a scientifically and technologically advanced society in the days of the Great Flood, when God commanded Noah to build the Ark. However, Ithyanna doesn't believe in the One True God, and puts her faith primarily in science. Like Noah though, Ithyanna believes the world will soon end, and she has developed a plan to save as many humans as possible by procuring a spaceship and finding a new home for them. A search for suitable planets is undertaken, while mankind becomes increasingly corrupt and violent. When potentially suitable planets are discovered, a spaceship is procured, but as society degrades further and loyalties dissolve, Ithyanna finds herself betrayed and alone. At last, after losing her support system, friends and family, she must choose between her scientific beliefs and God in an explosive and exciting finale.

Review by Kirkus Reviews: "This first installment of a religion-themed SF/fantasy saga focuses on the high-tech but intrigue-wracked island nation of Atlantis and how a brilliant woman trusts science to rescue humanity from doom.

A dedication to God up front indicates Canadian author Cook's antediluvian epic is sincerely meant as evangelical literature. But initially, readers encounter playfulness and semi satire that fall almost within hailing distance of dogma-bashing material like James Morrow's *Towing Jehovah* (1994). Supposedly drawing from fringe history experts and Creation science, Cook depicts life in fabled Atlantis circa the biblical deluge. Humanity is high-tech and space-going (though penned in by an alien embargo) but, thanks to Adam and Eve, fatally decadent, divided, and driven to self-destruction. Especially significant is a looming military conflict with Lemuria, a fierce "Women's Liberation" rogue state stopping at nothing for total control. Beautiful, psychic Atlantean science graduate Ithyanna foresees an upcoming apocalypse.

Though tentatively a follower of Olympus-style deities, she puts her faith in rationalism and technology, plotting a starship escape of the planet's best and brightest before it's too late. Meanwhile, her adopted sister, an alcoholic "coarseneck" (redneck) with an affinity for "cargonaut" (country-and-western) music, repents and joins ex-technician Noah, a shunned disciple of the god Elohim. Noah, of course, is building a giant gopher-wood boat for his family and a menagerie of animals despite much public scorn and ridicule. God/Elohim--who appears as a talking lion like Aslan of C.S. Lewis' *Narnia* tales--worryes that Ithyanna's scheme may spoil the whole flood thing. In this engrossing tale, treachery, arrogance, violence, nonbelief, and selfishness beset the eponymous hero's plans and illuminate God's true path. Enroute are enjoyable shoutouts to the Adam West *Batman* TV series, references to the movie flops *Star!* and *Doctor Doolittle*, and disguised versions of Kurt Waldheim, white nationalism, and Islam. If they aren't too tempted to dig deeper for additional takedowns (was that supposed to be Oprah Winfrey? Madonna? Former President George W. Bush? Justin Trudeau?), readers will get a basically traditional exhortation urging redemption--complete with Gospel excerpts--attired in riots of rococo filigree and vivid anachronisms. This work certainly isn't part of the Tim LaHaye/Jerry B. Jenkins school of Christian fantasy. An engaging, offbeat, and Bible-inspired apocalyptic tale.

Review by Hanlie Robbertse, Reedsy Discovery: "Worth reading... A sci-fi book mixing legend and religious characters and stories. It brings us the myths of Atlantis and the Bible in a different, new way..."

The technology used and talked about in the book... creates a story where myth meets real world...This is a book for pure science fiction fans and also young adult readers... it is an interesting new take on old themes and has a lot to offer... a page turner."

Review by The Prairie Book Review: "Cook plunges readers into a layered world of science and religion in this intricate first installment in the Last of the Atlanteans series. Not only humanity but the whole earth is in danger of being extinct. Noah has warned the world about the coming flood. But other than his family, no one has paid any attention. However, the Atlantean telepathic wunderkind-scientist, Ithyanna has an inkling about the impending apocalypse. Trying to secure a single space-ark to carry nucleus of humans, Ithyanna is met with heavy resistance. The economy is in shambles, and a growing threat of all-out war with the totalitarian Lemuria is looming on Atlantis. But Ithyanna is determined to face any difficulty and succeed. But what happens when the creator himself comes and stands in the way?"

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