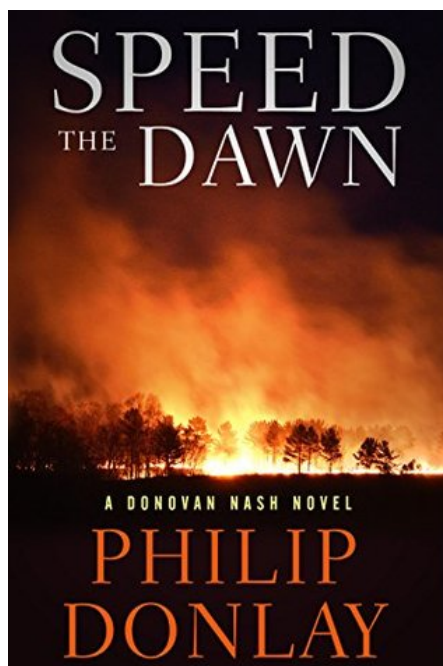




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In the style of Clive Cussler, best-selling author Philip Donlay climbs to a new height of terror in his 8th Donovan Nash thriller.

Hundreds of white-hot meteor fragments plunge toward Earth near Monterey Bay, California. Huge fires ignite the tinder-dry landscape and, as the sun sets, the power grid collapses and the fires grow, illuminating a nightmare created in hell itself. Donovan Nash realizes he is trapped.

Injured and growing desperate, his options dwindling, Donovan fights to keep himself and a small band of survivors alive until dawn, when they can make one last attempt to escape the inferno.

Meanwhile, Donovan's wife, Dr. Lauren McKenna, working with the Pentagon as well as the Forest Service, envisions a bold approach to stop the fire from spreading all the way to the Bay Area and the seven million residents living there. She's terrified that, if not executed perfectly, her plan could cause the death of thousands of people—including Donovan.

Speed the Dawn Details

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Frank says

This is Phil's 8th in the Donovan Nash series. What can I say? I have read every one of them and to say that each installment is an improvement is an understatement...how can he get any better?

Speed the Dawn takes off in break neck speed and never gives you a chance to take a breath and relax. Starting with a meteor shower, forest fires, this book has you on a fast ride from start to finish. The characters from previous books return and it sooo good to have them back again for this amazing ride.

Start with this 8th installment and you will be rushing back to the first one and follow Donovan's fast pace and you will enjoy meeting him and his wife Lauren. Enjoy

Paul says

If I owned a book store there would a section for books ideal for beach/pool/summer reading. This book Speed the dawn would be in that section.

Yes what happens in the "could happen" in real life, though probably not like it does in the book.

There is plenty of action and the main characters all seem to make it through in the end.

I have not read any of the previous books in this series, but the author does a good job of filling in backstory throughout the book.

Like all beach/pool/summer books you have to suspend some logic and belief as the events unfold, but is that a bad thing? These type of books are supposed to entertain you, and this book succeeds in doing that.

A meteor smashes into some satellites breaks apart and while taking out more satellites then everything begins to fall to earth, mostly in California and into the Pacific. You have massive fires, tsunamis, carnage, looting, government ineptness, and the hero group.

What is there not to like and enjoy.

I will definitely check out other books in the series.

Thank you to Oceanview books for the ARC copy of this book.

Helen says

Mr. donlay. I am so sorry. You laboured over writing this book for several weeks or even several months and I read it in twelve hours. Amazon posted this book at seven this morning and I just had to have it and it was history by seven this evening. Another simply great adventure with a massive fire ripping through the Monterey area caused by a meteor storm. Everyone on the eco team is involved in dealing with the horrific events of the fire no more that Nash and his wife Lauren. Plausible plot scenarios and well handled to the end.

Sam says

This is the 8th book in the Donovan Nash series but my first. I won't bother with writing what this book is about because if you've gotten this far then you know. From the first paragraph I was hooked and knew that I would not be able to put this book down until I finished the last page. In the first couple of chapters there was enough back story that I knew who was who and who belong together. The characters are written in such a way that they practically jump off the pages and you immediately feel like you know them and like them. Every page had me sitting on the edge of my seat and I had to remind myself to relax. From the beginning to the end I was not disappointed. If you like an action packed book then this is the book to read. As I said this is my first Philip Donlay/Donovan Nash but I see the first 7 in my future as I now have another favorite author.

I received this from LibraryThing Early Reviewer for an honest review.

John Stanley says

No mystery here - this is just a fun, exciting read and I couldn't put it down. The action starts right at the beginning and never stops. And Donlay manages to wrap it up decently at the end as well, which is often the failing of so many good action writers. They just don't know how to bring it to a close - or at least one that makes any sense. Anyway, the book's a lot of fun and I recommend it. While it's the eighth in the series, and (most of) the earlier ones are entertaining as well, it's not at all necessary to read them to enjoy this. Again, if you like just plain exciting stories, I recommend this. -J.

Shanna Schmitt says

This book was so exciting! How does Philip Donlay make a few days so interesting every time?! I love the suspense and I really enjoy the details he puts in about each bump in the road the characters face. Those details make it real, pull you in, and take you away for hours. I stayed up until about 4 AM to finish this book - not a common occurrence for me. I got hooked on the pace and details and just had to finish. Fires in California, but add in weather, injuries, thugs, meteors, tsunamis, knowledge of Monterrey, etc. and it was perfectly entertaining. Yes you can read this book first! You don't have to read the Donovan Nash books (or should we say Lauren McKenna books) in order. They stand alone, but they don't repeat the backstory verbatim either.

Jacqueline L. Davis says

Another "Edge of Your Seat" Thriller

I chose this book because I've read every Donovan Nash book and loved them all. Mr Conley never disappoints. All his books include everything I look forward to in a story: action packed, great friendships/family, just a great love story between Donovan and Lauren, storyline is always new and fresh, some laughter, some sadness, etc. Donovan is depicted as a nice human being not perfect and very lucky. Lauren is smart, capable, and devoted to Donovan. Montero is a favorite with great skills and always on top of ever and hopefully that doesn't change. So many great characters and so much loyalty. Looking forward to the next book.

Tory says

I received a free ARC to review this book and was SO thrilled. My budget had recently had a major hit with required electrical work and I was worried how I was going to be able to afford any new books. Philip Donlay is one of my favorite authors, so this was like a belated Christmas present. Wahoo!

I dithered. I was in the midst of a major project and could spend the time to do anything but sleep, eat and work, but then the weather folks reported freezing rain for the next day and I expected to stay home from work. I opened Speed the Dawn and couldn't stop until it was done. Wow!
Slight spoilers:

It was exciting from the first chapter and never quit. Donovan Nash was being amazingly capable, as usual. (Nice to see a middle-aged hero.) His wife Lauren was just about the star, however, as she rallied governmental agencies and actually got them to work together for awhile! That's almost as amazing. lol The rest of the crew did their amazing daring do, as well. The whole story is thrilling and satisfying. The initial concept is a twist on an old theme, but Donlay manages to make it feel fresh with his own take, especially when the characters stave off a major disaster.

Megan says

Set aside some time, because you won't be putting this book down. Philip Donlay and Donovan Nash are back and the action starts on the first page. A meteor breaks apart setting multiple fires in California. Donovan and his wife, Lauren - along with the EcoWatch crew - are in the thick of it (as usual for a Donovan Nash book), and are working toward finding a solution to this disaster. I appreciate the fact both male and female characters are strong, intelligent, resilient, and believable.

I've been reading Philip Donlay from the beginning, and I think this is his best book yet. There were a few books in the middle where I was getting tired of Donovan's angst and anger. Donovan has grown in the past few books, as has Lauren, and a number other characters. It is nice to see the characters just as capable and creative but without the emotional baggage that was dragging them down.

While the book follows a similar pattern of disaster, setbacks, and whether or not Donovan's secret will be revealed, Philip Donlay always manages to bring new layers and situations to his books. I appreciate seeing an author grow and develop as much as I appreciate seeing the characters develop. I look forward to the next book in the series. In the meantime, I'll be re-reading a few more times.

I received the ARC as part of an author giveaway with the request to write a review. I would have bought the book as soon as it came out, however. Philip Donlay is worth reading.

Debbie Oxier says

Oh, my gosh! This book was insane! A wild ride that hooked you from the start and never let you go! Its the

BEST book I've read so far this year, hands down!!!

Donovan is on the West Coast when a meteor strike hits. From then on it's a race to safety as the meteor strike spawns tsunamis in the Pacific. Donovan was on the coast for the launch of The Buckley, his latest Eco-Watch invention, a beautiful ship that would participate in research that would benefit the environment. His companion, Shannon, had been his late friend, Buck's, romantic interest so it was only right she be there for the launching of the ship named after Buck. When the meteors hit, Donovan and Shannon begin making their way north as hundreds of fires have broken out, making their journey treacherous and filled with danger. Donovan's first thought is to get to his friend and mentor, William, an older man who helped Donovan reinvent himself years earlier.

You see, Donovan was once Robert Huntington, a wealthy man accused of killing his wife. Even though he was cleared of any involvement in her murder, the media was relentless in their pursuit and persecution of him. He pretty much lost everything, his family, his friends, his business. He was at the point of suicide. That's when William stepped in. With William's help, Donovan Nash was born and as far as everyone else was concerned, Robert Huntington died in a plane crash, possibly a suicide.

As Donovan fights to survive, his wife, Dr. Lauren McKenna, flying in to join her husband, has problems of her own. When the meteor storm hits she's in a Gulfstream that takes a few hits, forcing them to land as quickly as possible. With the plane on fire and the co-pilot bleeding from a wound caused by a meteor going through him, Donovan's best friend and pilot of the Gulfstream, Michael, struggles to get the plane safely on the ground.

The rest of the book involves Donovan and Lauren trying to get to each other with Lauren not even certain Donovan's alive. Not only do they have fires and tsunamis to worry about. There's the total lawlessness on the ground putting their lives in danger. And once they locate an injured William, Donovan and Shannon have to cope with getting him out as well.

The action in this one is non-stop. I didn't want to put it down. I think Philip Donlay outdid himself with this one. I've enjoyed every single book in this series but this one shot straight to the top is my list of outstanding books for 2018. The author's attention to detail and his descriptions of the fire and devastation were above board and made me feel as though I was there, experiencing it for myself. As always, the characters played a big part in my enjoyment of the book. For Donovan to have gone through so much then to have actually reinvented himself and been successful at it, only adds to the mystery involved as at times he still has to work to keep his real identity concealed.

This is one I highly recommend. It has action, adventure, danger, and of course, a touch of romance. Donovan and Lauren are married, after all!

C. Stuchl says

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Philip Donlay

WOW, what a wild ride. I'll have to get the first seven of these Donovan Nash books.

Speed the Dawn has everything that makes a top notch thriller.
Takes place in California. Starts with a meteor shower, that is full of small deadly particles, that disable Lauren's plane in flight. It also ignites several forest fires that threaten numerous small cities. If that is not

enough, the meteor impact causes a tidal wave.

This is one of those books you can't put down once you start. I had the kindle version and I carried my kindle with me all day. I just had to know what was happening. Would Donovan escape the firestorm? Would the biker looters find and kill him? Could Lauren come up with a solution to put out the fires? You will have to read the book and find out. This is one of the best thrillers I have read in a long time.

I highly recommend it.

I received this copy from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. So glad I did.

Sherry Scales says

Every Donovan Nash thriller that comes out becomes my favorite, and this one did not disappoint. How each book gets better and better is just sheer genius! Chapter one, third sentence in, you are on the edge of your seat when hot meteor fragments are piercing the hull of the airplane and the people in it! Then by air, by sea, by land, he doesn't let you go until the end of the book! The terror of being trapped, trying to find our loved ones, then trying escape with your lives, dealing with the injuries and the elements and the evil that disaster brings. The twists and turns in each leg of this adventure keeps you turning the next page to find out what happens next. Meanwhile Donovan's wife, who is desperately trying to find her husband, is trying to save millions of lives with a plan if not executed properly could kill millions, only to have the government turn on her. Fast moving, full of excitement, and the terror that comes with a natural disaster. You just can't put it down!

Tiffany says

Donovan Nash and his wife, Dr. Lauren McKenna are about to be separated by a wall of fire laid across California by fractured meteors and shattered satellites. The action is fast-paced and creates a vision of destruction that will keep you glued to the page as you hold your own breath, waiting to see what will happen next. Tsunamis, fire tornadoes and the institution of military law are not enough to stop Donovan and Lauren, along with the rest of their EcoWatch crew, from finding each other and coming to the rescue of hundreds of stranded survivors. Toss in a criminal, drug-raiding motorcycle gang and the shocking reveal of Donovan's true identity and this one keeps you going to the very last page.

My thanks to Librarything and Oceanview Publishing for sharing this title.

Diane says

First I won this book off of LibraryThing give away.

I have never read any books by this author, but I was not disappointed in the book. Right from the start it was a run away. This is a fast paced thriller. It will keep you turning the pages to find out what is going to happen next.

This book is part of a series but it can be a stand alone book. The characters are well round and you can't but love them and cheer them on. The author makes you feel like you know each one of them

We meet Donovan, his wife Lauren who works for the government and the group they work with called the EcoWatch. They are in California when a giant meteor shower hits setting of fires. From there on a hell breaks loss and people are trying to get away. They try to work to find a way of controlling the fires and but them out. Also to save the lives of many of thousand of people trapped and no way out.

You need to hold on to your seat for a ride of your life. You will find yourself holding your breath. There where times I did not know if they would make it out. You will sit there and cheer for them and times you will cry for fear they would not make it out. I could not put it down because I had to know what would happen next.

Nancy says

In an exciting tale of meteorites, death, destruction and love; Philip Donlay puts together a cast of characters who rely on each other but work independently to solve the nation's newest crisis.

Lots of good, researched information on disasters, fires, floods and the like pop up in this story. The characters, all tied together in a family bond without blood, are all very well written.

The only thing I don't like is this is the 8th Donovan Nash novel and now I have to backtrack and read the rest!
