



# **BOOK PRESENTATION DOCUMENT**

**Core Haven:  
Hope Amid the Ruins**

**By  
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# Event Introduction

Welcome, everyone, to this special Silent Book Club Melbourne session featuring Core Haven:

Hope Amid the Ruins, a tense, emotionally charged, and deeply human dystopian novel written by acclaimed author Drew Faraday.

Our club celebrates reading as a personal and reflective act a quiet ritual where words ignite imagination and courage even in uncertain times.

And Core Haven is the perfect book for such reflection: a gripping tale of survival, family, and the fragile hope that endures when civilization itself begins to crumble.

Though Drew Faraday could not join us in person, his voice speaks powerfully through every page. Today, we explore his story, his vision of the Oregon Meltdown, and the human truths that make Core Haven both thrilling and profoundly moving



# Book Overview

Core Haven: Hope Amid the Ruins

By Drew Faraday

Can one mistake decide who lives or dies?

At the height of the Oregon Meltdown, survival is no longer measured in days, it's measured in choices.

When a deadly mistake separates Nate from his family at the edge of an evacuation corridor, he is left with nothing but his determination, a battered water bottle, and the clothes on his back.

With the military preparing to close the last bridge across the Columbia River, time is running out. His only hope is to endure a fifty-mile trek on foot through a broken wilderness where the rules of the Old World no longer matter.

Ahead lies a landscape of abandoned towns, fractured alliances, and ruthless factions fighting for control. Food is scarce, trust is dangerous, and enemies lurk in every shadow.

To survive, Nate must draw on his father's training, the memory of what he has already lost, and the hope of what he might still save.

Core Haven is a riveting dystopian novel of endurance, family, and the fight to keep hope alive when the world has fallen apart.

The countdown has started. Are you ready to escape?

# Highlighted Passage

“He tightened the straps of his pack, staring at the bridge lights flickering in the distance.

Each step he took away from safety felt like stepping deeper into a world that no longer wanted him.

But somewhere across that dark stretch of river, his family was waiting and that was enough to keep him moving.”

This passage captures the essence of Core Haven, the balance between fear and faith, between ruin and resilience.

It’s a story not only of survival, but of holding onto hope when everything else is gone.

# Genre

Dystopian Survival Fiction / Emotional  
Drama / Post-Apocalyptic Thriller

## Key Themes

- Survival and Humanity: What it means to stay human when the world has lost its order.
- Family and Hope: The unbreakable bonds that guide us through chaos.
- Choice and Consequence: How a single decision can shape life or death.
- Isolation and Connection: The courage to trust, even in a fractured world.
- Rebirth from Ruin: Finding light amid destruction.



# **About the Author: Drew Faraday.**

Drew Faraday is the author of two companion novels set during the turbulent era known as the Oregon Meltdown.

His debut, Pearl Fields and the Oregon Meltdown (2022), introduced readers to a world on the brink of collapse, and to the complex humanity that endures when systems fail.

In 2025, Core Haven: Hope Amid the Ruins continued this vision, expanding the story into an unforgettable exploration of endurance, love, and survival.

Before becoming a full-time author, Drew worked in creative communications, bringing his cinematic sense of atmosphere and pacing to his fiction. His writing combines realism, suspense, and emotional depth, a style that draws readers into every moment. When not writing, Drew shares reflections, stories, and creative updates through his online platforms, connecting directly with his audience about the process and purpose of storytelling.

## **Notable Works by Drew Faraday**

- Pearl Fields and the Oregon Meltdown  
(2022)
- Core Haven: Hope Amid the Ruins  
(2025)

Across his works, Drew examines the fragile line between civilization and chaos, and how ordinary people rediscover meaning when the world around them collapses. His stories remind us that even in ruins, hope survives.

### **Author's Voice**

Drew Faraday's writing is characterized by sharp realism, emotional resonance, and cinematic tension. His characters are ordinary people facing extraordinary trials, guided not by heroism, but by love, endurance, and memory.



Each page of Core Haven pulses with authenticity the ache of loss, the grit of survival, and the flicker of hope that refuses to die.

Through his words, Drew invites readers not only to imagine survival, but to reflect on what truly makes life worth fighting for.

## **Inspiration Behind the Book**

The inspiration for Core Haven came from Drew's fascination with the fragility of modern society how quickly order can dissolve, and what remains of humanity when systems break down.

He has described the story as “a mirror to our fears and our strengths the test of who we become when everything familiar disappears.”

The novel's title, Core Haven, symbolizes both a physical refuge and an inner sanctuary, the place of hope we each carry inside, even in the darkest of times.

## **Silent Book Club Melbourne Reflection Prompts**

Since our club emphasizes quiet reflection over discussion, here are some prompts to guide your journaling or thoughts as you read:

1. What emotion did Core Haven awaken in you fear, empathy, determination, or hope?
2. How do the story's ruins mirror moments of collapse or renewal in your own life?
3. What does "Core Haven" mean to you personally? is it a place, a person, or a feeling?
4. How do Nate's choices reflect the balance between love and survival?
5. What lessons does Core Haven offer about the strength of the human spirit?

# Special Highlights

- Drew Faraday's fiction stands out for its cinematic realism, emotional intensity, and thought-provoking themes.
- His Oregon Meltdown novels capture the fragility of civilization and the power of human connection.
- Core Haven has been praised for its gripping tension, emotional depth, and haunting imagery of survival and loss.
- The novel's quiet message, that even amid ruin, there is resilience, makes it especially fitting for our club readers.



## **Why This Book Matters**

In an age defined by uncertainty, Core Haven reminds us that hope is not a luxury it's a survival skill.

It challenges us to ask not just how to endure, but why we keep going.

Through Nate's journey, we are reminded that love, memory, and purpose can outlast even the collapse of worlds.

For a gathering built around stillness and reflection, Core Haven offers both, the silence of loss and the heartbeat of perseverance.

## **Closing Remarks**

On behalf of Silent Book Club Melbourne, I, Skye Bennett, would like to thank everyone for joining us for this session.

Through Drew Faraday's Core Haven: Hope Amid the Ruins, we are reminded that even in times of devastation, stories help us rebuild, not just cities, but hearts.

In silence, we find strength; in fiction, we rediscover ourselves.

To learn more about Drew Faraday and explore his literary world, please visit:

Amazon Author Page:

**<https://www.amazon.com/stores/Drew-Faraday/author/B0BDGJ8M4N>**

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Thank you for reflecting, and for keeping literature and hope alive in quiet and meaningful ways.