



PRESS RELEASE

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Big Wave Publications is proud to announce the release of *And Then One Morning* by Aaron le Boutillier. The 'morning' of the title refers to December 26, 2004. As that day dawned around the world, news stories followed a disaster that took hours to unfold as the tsunami raced across the vast Indian Ocean. For anyone caught up in the tsunami, however, it was all over in a matter of minutes. They were either alive or dead. Over a quarter of a million people lost their lives while millions who survived had to deal with the tragedy in countless ways. Aaron le Boutillier was one such survivor.

Aaron was on the Thai island of Koh Phi Phi where he had lived and worked through much of the nineties. Although settled in Singapore now, Aaron made regular visits to the island.

And Then One Morning encapsulates the expat life on a small tropical island and introduces the reader to the main characters who either survived or perished in the tsunami. Chief amongst these is the Oswald family. Heinz Oswald spent eighteen years developing a successful dive business on Phi Phi. Aaron visited Phi Phi that Christmas to help Heinz and his family move to Phuket on the afternoon of December 26. That move never happened.

Hours after the tsunami, Aaron found Heinz's wife and four year old son alive. There is relief and surprise as other characters are found alive. But for the next two weeks there is the trauma of the search for Heinz and his two daughters.

And Then One Morning captures Aaron's growth from a care-free twenty-two year old into a successful business owner in Singapore by the time of the tsunami. Following the tsunami he took responsibility to help the survivors of the Oswald family as well as other friends from the island.

Four years on there are still people suffering from the tsunami in a multitude of ways. Aaron has decided that the author royalties from the sale of his book should go to helping some of those still traumatised by the disaster.