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“De la Peña has created a rare thing: a plot-driven YA with characters worthy of a John Green novel.”-*Entertainment Weekly*, A-

“Action is first and foremost. . . . De la Peña can uncork delicate but vivid scenes.” —*The New York Times*

Shy takes the summer job to make some money. A few months on a luxury cruise liner--how bad can it be? Bikinis, free food, maybe even a girl or two . . . every cruise has a fresh crop of passengers, after all. He'll rake in the tips and be able to help his mom and sister out with the bills.

But then, an earthquake more massive than any ever recorded hits California and Shy's life is changed forever.

The earthquake is only the beginning. Twenty-four hours and a catastrophic chain of events later, Shy is lost at sea, fighting to survive--and stuck with her.

She's blond and she's rich, and never in her life would she have dreamed she'd be adrift in the Pacific Ocean, surrounded by death and completely dependent on a guy like Shy.

And Shy hasn't even faced the worst yet.

More Praise for *The Living*:

“[*The Living*] is special because of its extraordinary protagonist, Shy, who I haven't been able to shake from my mind in the weeks since I read the book.”-John Green, author of *The Fault in Our Stars*

"There's no way to classify *The Living*. It's everything I love mixed into one fantastic, relentless, action-packed story. As always with Matt, the characters are the best part. So real. I loved this book."-James Dashner, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Maze Runner* series

[**STAR**] "An addictive page-turner and character-driven literary novel with broad appeal for fans of both."-*Kirkus Reviews*, **Starred**

[**STAR**] "An excellent, enthralling ride...a great read for those looking for adventure and survival stories."-*VOYA*, **Starred**

"De la Peña (*I Will Save You*) delivers near-constant action, a high body count, and a compelling cast of characters in this socially aware thriller."-*Publishers Weekly*

"Peña takes the time to establish some solid rapport among his characters before unleashing the mayhem, though, and the central disease and drug scam is so viciously immoral that readers will probably book passage on the upcoming sequel, to learn whether Shy and his two smokin'-hot love interests will bring the bad guys to their knees."-*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

"Adventure survival enthusiasts will relish the vivid and raw descriptions of the sinking ship, blistering sun, and shark-infested waters. But most appealing is the empathetic teen, portrayed as a tough guy with a romantic side, who will appeal to both males and females, and is likely to appear in the upcoming sequel."-*School Library Journal*

"A straight-up tour de force, a breathless, horrifying dash into the void...he fun of de la Peña's latest is how unexpectedly he blends genres, making this, in a sense, four books in one: a finely observed social-class drama, an on-the-sea survival adventure, a global-disaster book, and a contagion thriller."-*Booklist*

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