

SPECULATIVE FICTION REVIEW by Stephanie Young

TITLE            *Sixty Days and Counting*  
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This is the third book Robinson's environmental disaster trilogy (*Forty Days of Rain and Fifty Degrees Below*). I liked the first enough to buy the second and was anxious to read the conclusion. While it is an interesting conclusion to the series, I found myself wanting more on the environmental aspects and what I got was more on the characters.

I wanted to see what happened to Frank and President Crane and Charlie and Joe but Robinson kind of lost the heart of the story by focusing so much on the characters. Some may disagree, obviously the editor did, but the environmental issues are what hooked me in books one and two and they got the short shrift in this book.

I also found it annoying that so many paragraphs started with the word 'so'. That to me is not professional quality writing. Maybe I was just looking for something to gripe about. If you have read the first two books by all means read this one, you will be happy to see how the characters reach closure, but don't be fooled by the title. The sixty days are not counting down to disaster, they refer to Crane's first sixty days in office.

I give it 3 rings of Saturn.