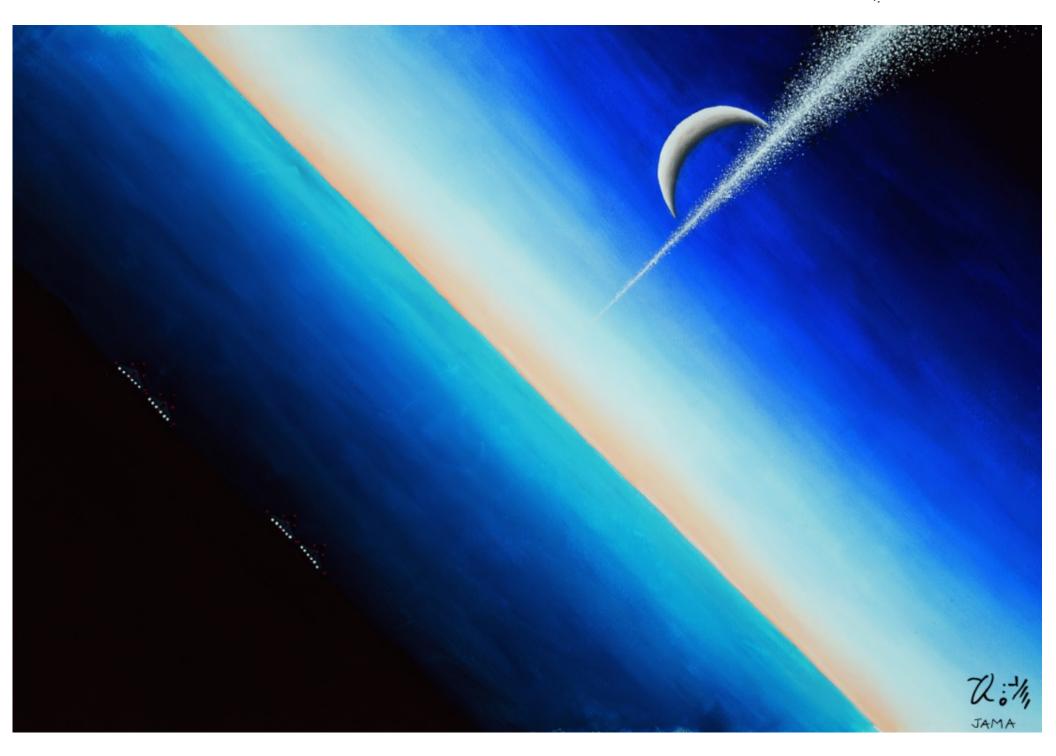
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About Sky

Sky sprouted from a single sentence and grew into a story with roots in the concepts of connection and loneliness. The writing was a journey into the unknown, as were themes in the story itself. Two characters embark on journeys sparked more from trusting the heart than from intention or logic, and their lives become part of something far beyond their prior experience as a result.

Jama finds heartstrings pulled toward a lifetime of service on an unpopulated planet, and yields into a newness both frightening and empowering, suggesting that growth is accompanied by the integration of opposites. This choice opens up elements of potential hidden since an unfledged decision in youth, and creates an opportunity for participation in an event which ancestors sought for a millennium.

Jules discovers a chance to leave a claustrophobic life on the ocean floor and return to the surface, inviting her down an unknown path. She takes the chance even though some believe post-catastrophic surface conditions are unlivable. A mysterious dream suggests there may be more than just freedom waiting, and the decision exposes a startling future she could never have planned.

About the Author and Illustrators



John Palmerlee has a BS in Applied Physics, is a pilot and aircraft mechanic, and has worked and volunteered in the field of electric transportation for nearly a decade. John has written fiction and non-fiction pieces for publication and pleasure, and *Sky* is his first large scale work. Illustrator Kim Stufflebeam designed the print format and background imagery. John's daughter Ellen painted the cover art, and his son Michael created the grayscale maps required for stereogram section foldouts.

Jacket Summary

Remnants of a species obliterated by planetary catastrophe, they hide for generations in their self-made prison... waiting for a sign. When it comes, an impossible encounter challenges everything they know about their place in the universe, and opens the door to startling realizations about self, community and spirit.