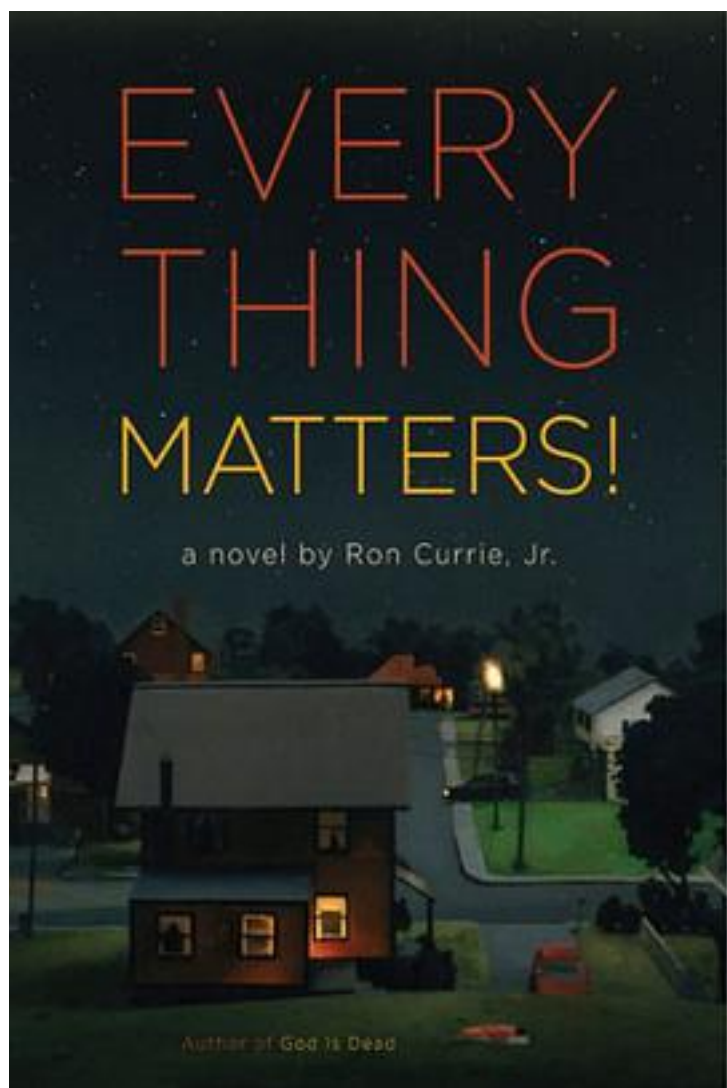


# Everything Matters!



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In infancy, Junior Thibodeaux is encoded with a prophecy: a comet will obliterate life on Earth in thirty-six years. Alone in this knowledge, he comes of age in rural Maine grappling with the question: Does anything I do matter? While the voice that has accompanied him since conception appraises his choices, Junior's loved ones emerge with parallel stories—his anxious mother; his brother, a cocaine addict turned pro-baseball phenomenon; his exalted father, whose own mortality summons Junior's best and worst instincts; and Amy, the love of Junior's life and a North Star to his journey through romance and heartbreak, drug-addled despair, and superheroic feats that could save humanity. While our recognizable world is transformed into a bizarre nation at endgame, where government agents conspire in subterranean bunkers, preparing citizens for emigration from a doomed planet, Junior's final triumph confounds all expectation, building to an astonishing and deeply moving resolution. Ron Currie, Jr., gets to the heart of character, and the voices who narrate this uniquely American tour de force leave an indelible, exhilarating impression.

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这是一个关于先知与时间旅行的故事。

年少的Junior因自己特殊的力量而无限痛苦。他离开家人与心爱的女孩儿，逃避到对自己存在意义的恐慌里。酒精麻醉与疯狂的朋友定义着Junior年轻却被迷颓消耗的生命。直到有一天，他发现即使自己的超能力也无法换回家人朋友的谅解以及父亲的生...

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