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A sudden storm appears above an isolated farmhouse in rural Illinois, bringing with it a relentless and unnatural rain. A rain that eats away at everything it touches. A rain that turns people into monsters.

Trapped inside his crumbling home, a father must do everything he can to keep his family from falling apart. But the rain calls to them, and not everyone wants to stay inside.

Haunted by memories of loss, he must put aside his painful past and find a way to keep them all safe. But the rain shows no signs of stopping, and time is running out.

From the award-winning author of *Suburban Monsters* comes a heartbreaking tale of terror, hope, and survival. You'll never look at rain the same way again!

Advance Praise for Downpour

"This book hits like a summer squall and never lets up, a real-time, one-location doom machine that earns its place beside *The Mist*."
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"Dread descends in unrelenting sheets throughout *Downpour*. The moment you think the skies will clear, a roar of thunder cracks the walls of reality, and you fall into darkness."
- *Alan Lastufka, author of Face the Night*

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- *Clay McLeod Chapman, author of Ghost Eaters*

About the Author

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