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***“UPSURGE brings real family dynamics and real politics together
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***“a great, evocative, thought-provoking book...an engaging and
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Author, *Gaia's Body* and *Metapatterns*

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Janet Poppendieck, Professor of Sociology
Hunter College, City College of New York
Author, *Sweet Charity? Emergency Food and
the End Of Entitlement*

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UPSURGE
A NOVEL

“fantastic” – Santa Barbara News-Press

**APPEARING LIVE
AT
THE FINAL TEST**

*“An extremely well-written novel – a pleasure
to read, a wild ride of depression at some
points, exhilaration at others. John Teton has
raised some serious concerns regarding the
fate of civilizations, and our consciousness
is raised with this thought-provoking work.”*

Eric Chaisson, Author, *Cosmic Evolution*
Professor of Astronomy and Physics,
Tufts University

*“A genre-breaking story unlike any other. Its scenes range from a
scarily realistic depiction of an urban nuclear event to mind-
stretching intergalactic travel – all related in the author’s savvy,
wisecracking, original and sometimes hilarious hyperbolic voice.”*

Craig A. Lambert
Deputy Editor, *Harvard Magazine*

*“An odyssey of optimism and hope in the face
of catastrophe...a compelling, imaginative,
and wholly original examination of an issue of
unparalleled urgency.”*

Lucille Lang Day, Author,
Infinities, *Wild One*, and *Fire in the Garden*

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“Teton’s characters and their emotional complexities are so firmly established early on that by the time readers are transported to the author’s dizzying alternate realities, we’re hooked....”

Debo Kotun

Upsurge is a contemporary drama with elements of psychological fantasy and science fiction narrated by its three principal characters: Tyler Fox, a visionary scientist, his wife Gwen, a pregnant former actress and school teacher, and their teenaged daughter, Leanna, whose dreams and fears about the world’s future cause her to disappear to a hidden, fantastic, and frightening place.

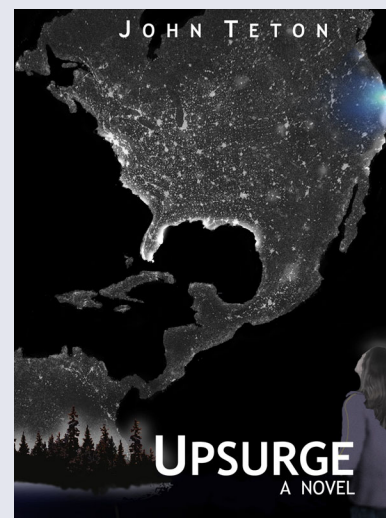
“John Teton’s new novel, UPSURGE—which continues the terrifying, yet hopeful, saga begun in his first book, APPEARING LIVE AT THE FINAL TEST—is both an original science fiction drama of unparalleled vision and a blueprint for creating a better and more humane future for the generations to come.”

Lucille Lang Day, Author, *Infinities* and *Wild One*

“UPSURGE is a great book that will show readers that you are never too young or too old to take action.”

KPFK-FM, Los Angeles

www.upsurge.us



“UPSURGE, like its predecessor, APPEARING LIVE AT THE FINAL TEST, proves again that literary realism can hold its own when interwoven with fantasy elements, even those as wild and original as those in these books. With their different times and settings, reading either novel alone is rewarding, yet the subtle interconnections revealed by completing the set adds a dimension of awe to each.”

Debo Kotun, Author, *Abiku*;
Producer, Pacifica Radio Network

John Teton, writer and film/video producer, was born in Chicago, graduated from Harvard, and studied filmmaking at New York University and the San Francisco Art Institute. He directs the campaign for the International Food Security Treaty (www.treaty.org) which arose from the notes for *Upsurge*. He and his wife, Jennifer, have three children and live in Oregon.



Appearings Live at the Final Test is an intense hybrid of contemporary real-world drama and mythic science-fiction about a black newsstand operator, his wife, and three neighbors in a Brooklyn-like neighborhood, whose lives take a cosmic punch from a nuclear bomb threat which launches them on an eerie and spellbinding journey.

“Mr. Teton gives fictionalized treatment to “cosmic evolution,” a complex and controversial theory which holds that evolution affects not just life on Earth, but extends back to the birth of the universe and continues to include changes in human civilization, culture, technology and beyond. The story benefits from a grounding in everyday human fears and troubles, along with mind-blowing scenes which venture into questions about creation and the role of human beings in it. The novel is chock-full of information about stars and the planets, and yet he clearly knows a thing or two about teenagers, old folks, sailing, marine biology, marriage, love, pop culture, terrorism, religious extremists and the media....A theme running through both novels is wonder at the universe and the potential for human beings to influence the world for good.”

Rhonda Parks Manville, *Santa Barbara News-Press*

www.appearingliveatthefinaltest.com

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