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Hi Krystal,
Can you flip me the Van Sun series item on flood mitigation. I haven't located it in TNO.
Thanks
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I'm printing copies of these for Mary Sue and Tara.

Is the Vancouver Sun series worth getting in its entirety? Is there more information in the other parts?

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Thanks very much,

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