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The outbreak began in New York. Within days the world descended into chaos as the infection spread to every corner of the globe. Across Britain, millions of people are told to leave the less defensible villages, towns and cities for the safety of one of the enclaves being established around the coast.

For George Tull and the other residents of the Waverly-Price Retirement Home, evacuation is not an option. Finding the staff have left, George has to choose between trying to save those he loathes, or abandoning the woman he loves to an uncertain fate.

"Zombies vs The Living Dead" is the first in a series of short zombie stories recording the aftermath of the outbreak, and is a companion piece to the series "Surviving The Evacuation", by the same author.

Zombies vs The Living Dead Details

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Brittani (Hope, Faith & Books) says

My review of Zombies vs The Living Dead can also be found here: Review of Zombies vs The Living Dead by Frank Tayell

I thought this was a nice little backstory into the old man we meet in book 3 of the series, George Tull. When the outbreak happens, he's actually living in a retirement home. Not the place you wanna be when this happens right? George is pretty much the only one doing anything. The employees are leaving the residents in the dark about everything. They pretty much stole a bunch of the food and didn't tell them there was supposed to be an evacuation. The only reason George knows what's happening is because he is the only one allowed to have a TV in his room. So he watched the coverage and when he tried to tell the other residents, the employees told him to stop causing panic and problems. Like what?? Shouldn't they know what's going on?! It wasn't until all the staff had left and they pretty much had to listen to what George was saying for them to actually listen and take it seriously. But by then it was too late to do much of anything.

I do have to say, after reading this and having read book 3 in the series, I can see where other people were coming from in saying it seems like George changed. He definitely had a different attitude and demeanor in this book compared to Family. Maybe that's because of how this whole thing went down, or maybe it's because surviving after this changed him. But something is definitely behind the change.

I really enjoyed this little short story in George's background. The only thing that bugged me about the book was that in the ending we never find out what happens to Mrs. O'Leary. And I don't remember her being talked about when we meet George in book 3 either.

1000 Cutts says

Nice little prequel with a great little story of OAP's getting stuck in..

John Love IV says

Short story attached to the main series. Fairly good story but could have been more.

Linda says

A great, short story that's connected to the main series and it was free.

Arnis says

Jason Bradley says

I really enjoyed this! And wow...what a place to stop. Definitely reading on.

Leandro López says

Not sure what to think

This short story added nothing to the main story, at least nothing to books one and two. And it's so short you don't get enough time to familiarize with the characters.

Tracy says

Sweet and sad.

Daniel says

Ovo je bilo simpatično :) Penzioneri u starackom domu - Zivi Mrtvaci - protiv zombija. Fina ideja mada ovo je ozbiljan serijal tako da očekujte dosta timornih situacija. Ali sama postavka je gold. I izgleda da je self contained story... mada ko zna.

Kristin (Blood,Sweat and Books) says

Quick but really good set up for the series.

My Thoughts: I don't know if you've ever seen the film Cockney's vs. Zombies but this story reminded me of it. In a nutshell the living dead are geriatric pensioners who are abandoned by their caretakers at the onset of a zombie apocalypse. This is a very short story but the character George and the actions he takes will stick with you right up until the bittersweet end. This story has no winners, no grand rescues, only the last moments of a group of people everyone thought weren't worth saving and that in itself is the real tragedy.

In the end I gave this one ★★★★.

Christy says

George Tull is a 69 year old retiree who lives in a carehome with his bedbound friend, a bunch of grumpy

residents, and a staff that doesn't seem to give two hoots about any of them. He nicknames the other residents "The Living Dead", an ironic tongue-in-cheek name given that the zombie apocalypse breaks out and the staff leave the pensioners behind to fend for themselves.

This is a short story, just a little glimpse into a sensitive subject that post apocalyptic books never seem to touch - how the vulnerable and elderly will cope with an apocalypse, and who will be left behind when it becomes every man for themselves. It's a companion story to a book I recently read and enjoyed, "Surviving The Evacuation" and I am looking forward to reading more in this series. For a short story it managed to be surprisingly touching and really made me care about the main two characters. It is refreshing to see a different perspective and scenario to the usual zombie tale, even if it is just a glancing look.

Scott Norris says

the series gives a different perspective on the concept. no big heroes in grand quests, just average people, mostly on their own, dealing with the more mundane aspects of life as the apocalypse unfolds. That makes it interesting in a "not the same old thing" way, but this stand-alone - of a man in an old folks home - is like the pilot to a show that maybe didn't get picked up. If this story ends up merging into the larger series the author is penning that it would redeem itself, but on its own it is a bit lacking.

Michelle de Vries says

Great short story! I feel really bad for mrs. O'Leary though...

Brian's Book Blog says

What happens to senior citizens once the world ends. Well, the world has ended, but it is ending. Zombies are rising up and killing and infecting anything they can lay their hands on. Zombies vs. the Living Dead takes a look inside a senior home during the apocalypse. What would happen? How would the "living dead" survive a zombie attack?

Tim Bruce provides the narration for this story and does a really nice job. I really felt like he was there when all of this went down. Bruce provides the perfect narration to move this already quick story along even faster. I'm excited to hear more stories narrated by him.

Zombies vs. The Living Dead was a great first glance into the world that Tayell has created with the Surviving the Evacuation world. I have the other books in the series to read, but I decided to dip my toes in the water with this one. Short and sweet, I got a really nice look into the way that Tayell writes and a quick glance at the world that he will be creating (and destroying) in the other books.

The actual story was really well done. I'd never seen the angle that Tayell took, and I liked it. I also liked that the main character wouldn't give up on the woman he'd be caring for, even with the world crashing down around him.

A quick hit, Zombies vs. the Living Dead was a really enjoyable book. And now I can't wait to dive into

the rest of the series.

Tasha says

Adorable story of a zombie outbreak occurring in New York and how it affects the inhabitants of a retirement home in the U.K. Main character was loveable and eccentric. Adorable short story.
