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Rachel says

I loved the first 2 books!

Macy says

I really liked the tactical side of this book. Not much on interrelations between characters but I liked that he did that. Definitely a great book for learning what to do and what not to do in a Zombie ridden world.

Glennwood Quesada says

This book by J.L. Bourne is an eye sore at first sight. The zombie scare has been around for centuries, and various authors, story tellers, and screen writers have used the "Global Outbreak!" for many, many, many, stories. So what makes this one so different, you ask? First thing I noticed picking up the book was the format in which it was written. Rather than a boring plot where someone survives only to be picked off, and its narrated for us in vivid detail the entire, plot, over the course of an overly long book, which could have been summarized in a paragraph, this book is written as a journal. Using a format similar to the popular "World War Z," the book is an account of someone who was actually there, or at least in the ever evolving world the book lays out for us. There's decisions which made even me think, and theres the ever present danger around every corner, yet theres thorough character development throughout the entire story, and the people in the book feel larger than life. I finished this book in a surprising 4 days. It was that good. I'd recommend it to almost anyone; it fits the bill for sure. It has romance, it has a action/ adventure feel to it, and I'm sure it would make a good read for anyone.

Michael says

Became one of my favorite books very quickly. Usually in a post-apocalyptic zombie scenario, the author will eventually make one of the characters do something amazingly STUPID to get themselves or others killed, but the way J.L. writes his characters, they are not stupid. They don't do something dumb as a device to move the story, they are very intelligent characters that react in very realistic ways.

Also of note is how this story takes place, told through the viewpoint of a journal. I love the use of this method for writing. Some books drag in too many details, too much 'fluff', but by using the journal everything is concise and moves along at a great pace without feeling you're missing out on anything.

I cannot recommend this book highly enough, I enjoyed everything about this book.

If you love zombie, READ THIS BOOK. Go... Now... Are you still reading this???... Leave!... Pick this book up!

Craig says

Back to his best

Jennifer says

I didn't end up finishing this since it became sort of redundant & dull. I did finish what would be considered the first book. I liked reading about this zombie apocalypse from the POV of a military officer; it's not a POV I'd normally seek out so it was new for me. I didn't find the main protagonist very sympathetic yet I still liked reading his "journal" on how he managed to survive day by day. It just seemed like the story was going nowhere & there hadn't been enough character development to care what was going to happen next with the group.

Shelley says

Terrorizing and gripping! I couldn't put this book down! If someone had told me it was a military man's log of the first six months after a zombie outbreak, detailing his day by day struggles, I don't think I would have read this. I'm glad I did. I was on the edge of my seat, biting my nails, and wondering what was going to happen next. It was one of the most suspenseful zombie books I've ever read!

Erin M says

WARNING - Some spoilers!!!!

I'm not even sure where to start with this review...

I just 100% LOVED this book.

Again, I love supporting one of our bravest, as J.L. Bourne is an active duty military officer...Sooo, I'm guessing J.L. Bourne is a pseudonym...

There are a few acronyms and military references in here that some may not know, but you can always google it if it's throwing you a curve.

I was a little skeptical of the journal style of writing at the very beginning. I wasn't sure if it was going to be distracting...But within only a few pages, I actually loved it. I found myself checking the date/time stamps to see how long it had been, etc...It made the writing flow so believably. It was a casual journal to himself, which made reading it seem personal.

I liked that even though he's a military officer, he has no qualms about expressing his fear of the zombies, the brigands, the loneliness...

The day by day decline of America, captured in a journal was believable. The details like searching radio stations, watching television hang on for dear life and then dissolve...Oh and the water!!! GAH!!!

Terrifying...

I liked how the entire situation devolves piece by piece in the words and personal diary of just a basic survivor.

This guy can write. But I really love detailed character development. I like specific details and descriptions. There was a little of that, but not as much as I like. I want to know more about each character's behavior, appearance, back-story...I realize the book can only be so long, but I just enjoy that.

I'm still curious about Remote Six. I wonder if that will be covered more in Shattered Hourglass...

The romance is lacking...lololol...I get that he and Tara are an item, but it's vague. That's okay, I think the point is made that that is the last thing people are thinking about in a zombie apocalypse...But if you're going to mention it, delve just a little deeper...

I was happy that our military wasn't made out to be horrid people...Thankfully that's no doubt to the author being an officer...I liked that The Marines worked with him to help civilians and establish their safe zone. Hotel 23 was a great idea on the author's part...I hate Remote Six.

The nuclear catastrophe was a really good idea by the author too. This really effectively addressed my ongoing internal/personal debate I've had for 20 years of zombie movies about, "How long until these things decompose to non-threats? Eventually, the majority have to just fall into piles of bones..." No. Not the case here. And the running, stronger, radiated zombies with some minor acquity....Horrific.

The massive, massive, massive half-million hoard and its dust cloud is terrifying...And knowledge of other massive hoards. It makes sense too. Zombies are attracted to noise, and other zombies make noise, so they are attracted to each other and after a year or so...They're massive, immense, terrifying, fast hoards...ugh.

Okay...I could go on forever here...Suffice to say, this is a fantastic read for any zombie fan. I read it much faster than I read normally because I couldn't put it down...I lost many hours of sleep because of this baby. That's okay, you can sleep when you're dead.

William Bentrin says

Day By Day Armageddon Origin to Exile

First I love omnibuses. Not the big red ones in London, the book type compilation of a series or combination of some stand alones. I like them because they save me money and I love them because they often include an entire series and I am one of those freaks of nature that hate starting a series until I own the whole thing.

This is an omnibus containing the original book, Day by Day Armageddon and the follow up, Day by Day Armageddon: Beyond Exile.

These are Zombie genre books. They are presented as hand written entries in a journal of a survivor. The links go to my original reviews.

This book contains a short but again disturbing Zombie tale of twin survivors.

Look for the omnibus it will save you money and perhaps hook you on the Zombie genre.

Patrick says

Day by Day Armageddon: Origin to Exile is the first zombie book I have read. I am a fan of the Walking Dead TV series, so when I ran across this book at a local bookstore, I was intrigued.

The book cover described its contents as the survival story of a military aviator on his own after a zombie epidemic. I glanced through several pages. The diary format caught my attention. The purchase was a given at that point.

Finished reading it last night. As a former military officer myself, I felt a kinship to the protagonist in the story. With both the slower and faster parts of the story, the book kept my attention. The military terms were familiar (maybe nostalgic). I could agree with the reasoning and decisions made by the main character.

The descriptions of zombies for the most part were not overly graphic so I could read on without hesitation.

Other reviews critique misspellings and grammar challenges by the author. Intentional or not, I think it is consistent with a guy under duress in crumbling, dangerous surroundings. Some reviews comment that the main character appears to do everything right (maybe unrealistically) and has everything available that he needs. I viewed it part of staying alive. Given the build up to things falling apart, I think survivors would need to be very smart/capable to be able to survive and/or very lucky or be the benefactor of others that were either very smart or very lucky.

The story line for the 1st five months of the diary was excellent. The remainder took a different and slightly unexpected twist, but was still engaging.

The ending was very unexpected and not consistent with build up to the end. Clearly there is potential material for a Book 3 which I understand comes out Fall 2012. Despite the mixed ending, I still look forward to reading Book 3.

Given that I read most of this book spread out over late evenings before going to sleep (yes, interesting dreams), I look forward to rereading the book to pick up details I likely missed. I understand the story incorporates real locations in TX. As I reread the book, I look forward to keeping Google Maps nearby to reference. I think aerial photos of sites in the book should nicely compliment the reading. Nice edition to my library. You should like it too if you like anything to do with zombies and a post-apocalyptic world.

Hudson says

This was a decent post-apoc zombie tale, pretty standard stuff.

Recommended to fans of the genre but that would be about it.

Hazel Bartie says

Love a good "disaster" book, add zombies and you have the recipe for a truly great book. If you like your books fast paced and "hold your breath" then this is one for you. Loved it, couldn't put it down.

Robert says

A journal of the end days at five stars? Yes this really is that damn good. The author through his main characters daily writing, some days are skipped, conveys the downfall of mankind and the possible hope of survival perfectly spiced with moments of sheer terror. The first book was a definite five star while the second book would have went four if reviewed separately. The second book was going along somewhat slowly but picked up nicely only to flutter a bit at the end. Still great reading just a bit off of what the first offered. This edition also included a short story that tells how one of the undead the main character dispatches in book one met his end when the SHTF. If at all possible find this edition and pick it up for some great zombie reading. If not by all means grab Day by Day Armageddon and go for it. This is primo zombie material, definitely at the top of the pile of zombie books proliferating readers choices.

Scott says

Some interesting moments but better choices are out there in this genre from The Passage to World War Z.

Locke Erasmus says

An average zombie apocalypse book.

As I have commented during the read, that the book LACKED information. It was just a straight story of a guy who awol'ed the military for the sole purpose of survival, he didn't even tackle further on what happened to his family. did not even drove him crazy. a typical I'm a MAN and I MUST DEAL WITH THIS SHIT type of hero.
