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Henry spent eight years chained to a post. Exposed, starved, infected with the December Plague, and mad. During those eight years, the December Plague consumed most of the world's human population, causing the infected to become violent and cannibalistic.

But Henry escaped. And now he's been Cured. He vividly remembers what has been done to him and others. He can also recall the terrible things he did while he was infected. He and his fellow survivors face a world unlike anything they knew before. They are weak, lost and completely alone. Now released from both the madness of the Plague and the cruelty of their captors, they must decide which is more important: survival or revenge.

The Cured is a standalone novel in the world of After the Cure.

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Katherine says

I would say 3.5 stars. The short synopsis really tells the high level plot. I liked Henry. I felt bad for him. I also thought this was interesting...we get an inside glimpse into a "zombie"'s mind. I thought it was a different version. But, as in all end-of-the-world novels, there are tons of bad guys too. I enjoy these types of stories and really liked that the author didn't go into TOO much detail. I don't need nitty gritty of the things bad guys can do to fully understand how bad the world is. I know. The author gives just enough information to get the picture, but not so much as to cause me nightmares that I truly don't need.

I have two concerns. My first is a nit pick and I understand that. It probably wouldn't bother everyone...and definitely not enough to make you not read it. (view spoiler)

Second is that this was not a complete book. I tried to look in the description and nothing really says this is a series. I like the book and will read the next...but would have liked to have known before hand so I would not have expected a complete wrap up.

Overall, a pretty good book. I liked the different take on zombie apocalypse.

Lucas Darathy says

Damn. I really wanted to like this. I really did.

This was better than the first book in a way. I really couldn't stand Frank.

But... well. First, the whole "EVERYBODY HATES US" was too much. I get it, okay. Society isn't exactly happy to have you there. I'm transgender, I live it everyday. But it was TOO forced. I mean, the Governor losing his temper? Come on. Give me a break.

Henry's need to have his revenge. And then not giving a damn about everybody else cause HENRY WANTS HIS REVENGE AND HENRY IS ALL THAT MATTERS. Ugh. Get over yourself, asshole. He was no better than Phil, I'm sorry.

And then Henry putting himself over everybody again cause HENRY CARES ABOUT MARNIE AND MARNIE IS ALL THAT MATTERS CAUSE HENRY. I mean, I care about Marnie too, she was just a kid. But this dude got people to leave the City, follow him, and now he can't even be bothered to work on their place? And now that they need to protect the place against possibly infected people, he doesn't want to CAUSE HENRY CARED ABOUT MARNIE.

Henry is just too stupid and selfish to be a MC worthy of rooting for.

Also, how did he survive? Ann was infected a long time and her brain got ruined. Henry was infected even longer and he is fine - other than his enormous stupidity.

Lori says

Enjoyed it as much as the first, although they are very different books.

The first really sets the scene and deals with the main issue of the plague, this book shows daily life, a darker side to humanity.

Bringing together lots of people with different stories, there's a nice hook at the end to lead into book 3!

Marie J says

Although this is described as a standalone, it does help to have read the first novel since it is weaved with it and many events happening in the first story are just briefly touched in this one and not well explained (like Nella and Frank's part in Henry's group being cured).

This story is about the point of view of an Infected before the infection and then after the Cure. It is a gripping story that reveals the ugliness of "humanity" in all its form, from what happened in the Lodge (horrifying and disturbing) to how the Cured are basically nothing more than second-class citizens in a twisted form of segregation from the Immunes.

It did lag on for a bit, and ended with a "WTF?!" ending which, hopefully, hints at things to come.

Still, it is a good "Zombie" novel that has an unusual twist compared to what is found in this literary genre.

Daisymaegogo says

Invested= Infected...

Sigh.

Alyssia Cooke says

Very much enjoyed this novel although there are a few consistency errors within the story. The view change to the Cured rather than Immune was interesting, the plot line was linear but kept me engaged and the group of characters were varied enough and allowed me to invest in them.

The ending was rather disappointing; it just seemed to be left hanging rather than a proper cliffhanger. And the climax is rushed; the climax could have been another 50 pages long... but it just seemed to rocket towards the finale and boom sizzle fizz.

Tori says

Let it be a good man that finds her and not a monster."

It's been eight years since the December plague had been released and six years after the cure was found that Henry finally became cured. This book was about the fight for becoming truly human or staying a monster. I enjoyed this book a lot. The ending was just a hair disappointing because it just ended with a new character. I hope that the next book in the series will touch back with Henry and his crew just like this book had a few mentions of things in the previous book.

I think what I like most about this series is that we are meeting new characters and seeing new points of views without leaving the world that was created. It's neat and somehow I think all the characters will connect. At least I'm hoping so. Now to start the next one.

Deborah Colgrove says

Great continuation of a great story

Can not wait to ready the next book. I read the first one and had to get the next three. Now I have to stretch the next two books til I got paid again. Deirdre Gould is a very talented writer and I can not wait to read more of her books.

Phoenix says

"What a stupid ending."

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This is infinitely better than the first book. No weird zombie suck face scenes that constitute half the plot.. Characters I actually gave half a damn about. I wasn't as emotionally entrenched with them as I have been with other books - but - if certain characters had died, I'd have been all "Aww, that sucks" rather than yawned about it like I would have for any of book one's line up.

That said. Still only 3 stars. This book badly needs polish. There's so much potential. It just needs a little more loving care from the editorial staff. Someone to point out that it looks like someone typed this on their phone and it got autocorrected to shit. So now characters leave "angry nots" and open, well nothing, since the word "window" was completely omitted. Not to mention that Henry remember instead of remembers. (poor baby, that virus really did a number on your neural pathways, huh?)

There are also plenty of little things that just don't add up. Sometimes the author kind of writes in a passing explanation / cover up? that doesn't really satisfy. Sometimes she doesn't. One example is the zombie that is a super freaky expert at freaky fast ("I'm just here to deliver the sandwich you ordered, man!) ladder climbing. Eeeeeeven though it's already been established in both books that zombies can't climb shit.

I make it sound terrible but it's really not that bad. You just need to be able to forgive the errors. It's a pretty good story and as unsatisfied as I have been with both book endings (I know cliffhangers are *supposed* to do that but goddamn) I want to know what happens in the world of the December Plague.

Krishna Burnett scannapieco says

Deirdre Gould's After The Cure series is amazing! All three of the books in the series so far are told during the same period of time from different POV's. Without giving too many spoilers, the story takes place in the 8 years following a zombie like apocalypse and what happens after a cure is found with a potential new disaster looming on the horizon. Deirdre's characters are rich, complex and draw you in to their trials, tribulations, and triumphs. Her ability to write about the human condition and the emotions following survival in a world that has been devastated by unimaginable horrors is captivating and enthralling. If you are looking for a new take on dystopian post apocalyptic fiction, then this series is not to be missed!

Mrs Elizabeth says

Really enjoyed

Ken Sodemann says

A look at classism/racism through the lens of a post-zombie(ish)-apocalyptic world. Interesting.

April says

Henry the normal guy who tends to have a friend that is as he calls him "useless" just as the "December Plague" begins. Had he stayed in his apartment and not went with his friend would things be different? Who knows and now it does not matter. The plague has a cure but it takes Henry and his new found groupies the longest to get to it. Back to the normal in life as it is now. Henry's group must make a lot of decisions. They must learn to live with the past, almost a decade, 8 years in fact since the beginning, in this new world and figure out whether they should good or bad. There are a lot of moral situations in this story and had it not been for all the retelling of many details I would have given this 5 stars but sometimes it is just too much. I truly did enjoy this book it was different than a lot of post-apocalyptic tales I have read it comes with a lot of twist and turns. I really want to know what happens in the next book but for now I need to go back a bit and read the first book in this series! This book is a tale of its own and as you can see can be read without having read the first.

Amber Ziegler says

Fantastic!

This had me at the edge of my seat, I was glad to see how the Cured survived and more of the workings of the City. Can't wait to start the next book!

Lisa says

This was so good!
