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Zombies invade the Black Rock desert and the Burning Man festival, while a flawed hero tries to rescue his rekindled love. The Burning Z takes us back to the source of a zombie outbreak a pre-zombie apocalypse world but one in which a passing zombie might not merit a second glance: the annual Burning Man festival in the Black Rock desert. A mysterious meteor slams into the Black Rock desert and soon a growing number of zombies are on the loose. Bruce and Conner - hometown friends who experience sudden success early in their careers, followed by a long downward trajectory encounter the z s and embark on a quest across the desert to save Conner s recently rekindled high school love who is attending Burning Man. Alan Gorman the steadfast, retired Air Force physician with expert marksmanship and a prosthetic lower limb - endures his own odyssey trying to alert the authorities to the escalating zombie menace. It all leads to a climatic, costumed battle of the Alamo, inside Burning Man s Black Rock City.

## **The Burning Z Details**

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## Jovia Nierenberg says

So bad but so good!

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## Mark says

The Burning Z by Clive Riddle, March 2016, Zombie novel 3/5

The Burning Z is a zombie novel with an interesting premise: zombies invade Burning Man. A meteorite lands in the desert of Nevada and brings a zombie infection to earth. It follows the course of the infection as it spreads and heads to the Burning Man festival.

The characters are mostly sketches, letting the plot drive the narrative. Connor is a recovering alcoholic, who's just reunited with Cassie, his high school sweetheart. She is attending Burning Man as she has done several times before. Alan is a retired Air Force doctor who happens to be on the scene when things go south. The story is told from these characters point of view.

The novel is set in an interesting location. Burning Man is held in the desert of Nevada at a town called Black Rock. The setting plays an important part in the story; the dust, the weather, the isolation, and heat all greatly affect the story.

This is a book with a lot of flaws. Occasionally it switches from past to present tense. The flow of the text is choppy and could use some work on the transitions. The whole zombie thing has been done to death and this adds little to the genre. Regardless of these flaws, I liked this book. It was an entertaining quick read and if you are into zombies, this is a decent addition.

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## Zombie says

Zombies at Burning Man? I found this to be a really interesting read. I've read MANY zombie books (it's part of my job after all) and this one has a really unique approach. Between the Burning Man aspect and the fact that the zombies likely have an other-worldly origin I found this to be a fresh and unique new angle on the zombie genre.

The ending leaves some situations resolved but definitely leaves things open for anything from a sequel to an entire series. Nicely done Mr. Riddle...and hurry up with that sequel! ;)

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