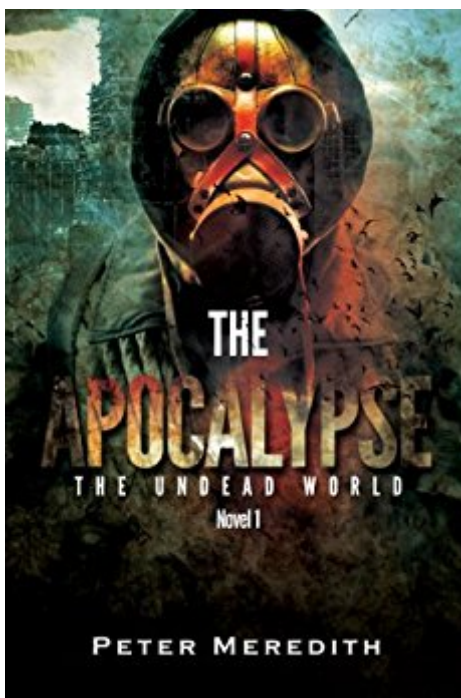


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Customer Reviews

Take heed of the authors note/warning at the beginning of the book. He's correct that some people will be offended by the depictions of characters and scenarios in this book. At the same time, I know I've met people who match each of the characters in both appearance and personality. I like to think of this book as a worst case scenario of what would happen were the world faced with an apocalyptic event, but it may be more far more accurate than I care to admit. I will hope that the

government has people who spend their days contingency planning for world wide emergencies, but I plan to hedge my bets by continuing to visit the shooting range and brain storming what I would do if I were faced with the same challenges as the characters. I appreciate the realism in this book, but I will likely read less realistic books with happier scenarios between reading the books in this series. It's a dark world in this series. I like it, but it may not be for everyone.

He had me at his opening comments. Seriously, reading that in the "look inside" portion had me clicking the buy link. This book is one I've been hoping to find for a while. Give me reality in my zombie apocalypse. I like that the characters are uncomfortable to read sometimes, but that difficulty falls to the fact that they feel real. It's a zombie apocalypse, people aren't going to be singing kumbaya. The world would be awful. That said, I have to say the characters were great. I'm always a fan of characters who rise above and show that heroes come in all forms. The story was suspenseful, and kept me intrigued. Look forward to reading more in the series.

This review is on the entire Undead World trilogy. So anyone reading this knows my rating system I consider 5 star zombie apocalypse fiction things like Max Brooks World War Z, The Walking Dead (the comics and TV show, not those cash grab novels on The Governor), Area 187: Almost Hell by Eric Lowther, Final Night by Johnathan Mayberry, and the first few books of Joe McKinney's Dead World series. That's my bar for 5 star ZA fiction. Also just to be clear I like the Romero type zombies. To me zombies who talk, use guns and tools, or do quadratic equations aren't actually zombies. I'm good with running zombies so long as there is a plausible explanation like in ZA Rechts trilogy. The Undead World Trilogy meets and sometimes exceeds that bar. I stumbled on the story by accident. I read tons of ZA fiction and at the time I was waiting for a few other authors to finish up their story arcs and I have to tell you this was an awesome surprise. The trilogy starts out pretty standard as far as ZA stories go. But like all great zombie fiction a few chapters into the story it becomes about the characters and not the ZA at all. The undead are window dressing for character development. I don't want to spoil anything for anyone so I'll be as vague as possible here. This story has characters in it who aren't super-human rambo type zombie hunters. They can and do make mistakes. Some of them pay for their compassion and good will very dearly in the end. If you read this I will warn you, characters you grow to love will die.... characters you could happily kill yourselves will live. This story reflects reality in that we lose people we care about and the good guy doesn't always win. That's as specific as I can be without robbing you of taking the journey for yourself. One thing I will be very specific about though is a character called Jillybean. She may be

the single best character I have ever read in any zombie apocalypse fiction. Unfortunately you don't meet her until the second novel in the trilogy (don't jump ahead though, you need to read the novels in order not to be lost) but I promise it will be well worth the wait. Hope you enjoy the story as much as I did. I understand there is a fourth installment coming out in October 2014. If the writer keeps up with his current level of quality I'll happily read his Undead World stories until the real ZA comes!!!

I really enjoyed the first book in the series - would have liked more detail about the zombies themselves so we know what we are dealing with. I do appreciate the deviation from the traditional super human efforts that all of a sudden become possible out of normal every day people when they are put under extreme stress in survival situations. Heed the author's warning in the beginning - if you don't and start reading the book only to be suddenly offended - that is your own fault. Characters are depicted as real people some with character flaws and others with a deep inner strength that some times takes a break and lets them down leaving them feeling extreme guilt. This is a much more realistic portrayal of what to expect versus what we would all want to see. We only need to look to the Superdome during Hurricane Katrina to see what can happen in a very short period of time when there is little hope for survival. Nice Job Peter!

Yes, there are many dystopian end of the world as we know it books. This genre is one of my favorites. However, like the Book of Thrones, anyone can be eliminated without any warning. This hurts and saddens as the characters are well written and fleshed out. This fleshing out occurs slowly as different people in different parts of the country cross paths sometimes. I started to really care for and "root" for several characters as they face a suddenly changed and changing United States of America. Well edited and this let's the reader enjoy the book properly. The book can stand alone but most (myself included) will want more and thankfully the author has taken this and ran with it. Yes, many apocalyptic books out there but this is a cut above, and make that a big slice. Buy this, read and enjoy; you will thank yourself.

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