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When the USS McClusky, a US Naval frigate out of San Diego, ran aground, it was only the beginning for Machinist Mate Jackson Creed and Marine Sergeant Joel “Cruze” Kelly. The unlikely duo battled for survival as they established a base of operations and fought to retain their “fortress.”

Now they have been driven out of the city by a massive horde of the undead. On the road with new companions, including mercenaries with murky pasts, the band of survivors face new challenges at every turn.

Jackson and Creed’s journey will take them across a nightmare landscape where the living may be just as dangerous as the dead.

## Outcasts Details

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## From Reader Review Outcasts for online ebook

### Cathy Harris says

#### Good read

I just finished this one in the series. I think it deserves a five star rating because it was a really good read. The only problem I had with it was that it was a little repetitive. I didn't really need a reminder from previous chapters. Overall, I still thought it was a very good read.

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### Jessica Kong says

So far so good. Timothy has not disappointed me with book 2 of the Z-Risen series, Outcast. In fact, he just made the story better by introducing love interests to our two main characters and a dog. Kickass women rock. He maintains a steady flow of action with zombie encounters as well as living breathers--more pain in the ass than the zombies. You either love or hate these characters, but you will definitely want to read to the end to find out what happens to them.

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### Bluecobras09 says

The second in the series and even better than the first. Tim has found his stride in this second installment of Z-Risen. The characters are becoming well defined now and the story is taking on a life of its own. The action is fast and constant as Creed, Joel and the rest of the group just try to make it to the next day.

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### Shana Festa says

"And so the fuckening continues."

Machinist Mate First Class Jackson Creed and Marine Sergeant Joel "Cruze" Kelly are back. Only an hour has passed since they escaped a base overrun with undead at the end of book one, and now they're on the run with a mercenary group going by the name of Brightstar. As they traverse the infested streets of California to make it to a base in L.A., the group takes temporary refuge on the second floor of a rundown hotel. They soon discover they've outstayed their welcome.

"In the event this log is found with my corpse, I'm Machinist Mate First Class Jackson Creed and it's been a week since we arrived back in San Diego following the event. With me is Marine Sergeant Joel "Cruze" Kelly. We were both stationed on the USS McClusky, an Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigate out of San Diego. Our ship was overrun by the dead and we barely escaped with our lives. Now we live in the middle of Undead Central."

Outcasts maintains the same journal-entry narration delivered in Outbreak. What I love about Tim Long's style of writing is his blunt delivery and straight up comedy injected into his books. Amidst blood, guts and

intense story, Long continues to make me laugh out loud with character dialogue and kooky situations. Case in point...the duo stumble upon a hotel room containing a zombified couple and a huge black dildo. Their only logical course of action is to kill the zombies, and stick the dildo in the dead guys mouth. As if there was any alternative, right?

Outcasts answers some important questions regarding the origin of the infection and also provides more character development to it's secondary characters. Roz and Joel are getting closer, and Creed makes a love connection of his own. The addition of 'Frosty', man's best friend, was a clever move on Long's part. Everyone loves a good dog, and this pooch doesn't disappoint. Between fighting off hordes and now a rival faction, the action in Outcasts doesn't let up for a millisecond. Still angry at Lee for his actions regarding Craig, the likelihood of a confrontation between Creed and Lee in the next book looks good (according to my magic 8-ball, 'Outlook Good', and we all know the 8-ball doesn't lie). Once again, I find Outcasts ends before I'm ready. Tim Long's books always leave me chomping at the bit for more and chuckling for days.

The cover art is fantastic. And I'm not just saying that because a quote from The Bookie Monster is displayed in all its shining glory. Joe Martin of Ragnarok Publications is credited for the design, and should really be commended for the quality illustration.

The witty banter of Creed and Kelly continues with priceless moments like "you're in the Marines now, bitch" and a gratuitous throwback to Hackers with "mess with the best, die like the rest". Tim Long is hands down the easiest author I have read to pull quality quotes from. Nearly every bit of gold he spews onto a page is, in this readers opinion, quote worthy. Since I can be quoted in many reviews as losing my shit at anything poop related (see what I did there? I can play too, Tim-Tim!), I leave you with this. You can imagine how much I whole-heartedly agree.

"She probably hasn't had anything decent to eat for days and we gave her baked beans."

"I don't give a shit what we fed her," I said.

"Stop."

"Just saying. It's a shitty location."

"Ugh."

"I wasn't trying to give you crap," I pressed on.

"Are you five?"

"Poop jokes never get old. It's a scientific fact."

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## **Audio Audits says**

Buckle up because there's no slowing down with this story! Navy machinist Jackson Creed has been floating through his Navy career doing the bare minimum, that comes to an abrupt end when a virus quickly overtakes the crew onboard the USS McClusky. Jackson has the good fortune to run across Marine Sergeant Joel Kelly and together they manage to make it off the ship only to discover San Diego hasn't been spared the outbreak either.

Their only mission is to find supplies and stay alive, and try to make it north, they meet many characters good and bad along the way, this book has it all humor, heartbreak, suspense, in other words, it's perfect!

Todd Menesses narrates and I'm still in awe of his ability to voice so many different characters. He definitely has a part in making this a 5-star read!

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**Josh says**

these are getting better and better. Nice twist on the zombies and the characters are really coming into their own. Can't wait for the next one :)

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**Tony says**

I love all of Tim's books. Great humor, gory details, and plenty of z's. Now I'll be patiently waiting for book 3.

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**Chris Page says**

Continuation of an enjoyable zombie romp.

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