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Mankind is no longer at the top of the food chain.

The Sixth Extinction is an apocalyptic tale about a pandemic that sweeps the globe, decimating the human race, leaving humanity struggling to survive. Within three weeks everything has changed. Social structure has collapsed. The police are non-existent, and the army concentrates on the cities. Gangs of yobs rule the streets. It becomes everyone for themselves.

The story follows three different people, and their journeys of self-discovery through the changing world.

Noah Morgan is just an average twenty-one-year-old. He has no aspirations in life, no girlfriend, few friends, and a dead-end job. Red is a nineteen-year-old female runaway, with a sad past and a disturbing secret. Together they leave behind everything they have ever known, looking for a safe haven.

Doctor Melanie Lazaro is working around the clock, under military supervision, in Exeter University's Biomedical Sciences Department, trying to create a cure for the new pandemic that is turning humans back to their primordial roots, creating mindless killing machines with only one purpose – to eat.

The Outbreak Details

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From Reader Review The Outbreak for online ebook

Tracy says

Why oh why do I pick up these books that turn out to be just a snip of the book?

Very annoying.

Finished up to part two.

Good engaging read.

A few spelling mistakes that are distracting and liberal use of the word guttural is annoying but great lead characters and looking forward to the rest of the book.

Stu says

Enjoyed this one. Looking forward to the others in the series.

Lisa says

I have read 1,2 and 3 all today and have found them very enjoyable. Away to download number 4.

Amanda says

First in the series, a short book with a potentially interesting story. The downfall of this book is the lack of editing. A number of mistakes that I find frustrating.

As the book was so short I haven't got a feel for the characters as yet and unfortunately their speech feels very stilted and unnatural. That being said, I am going to keep reading the series as I am interested in what is going to happen. 2 stars and with editing could have scored 3.

Ali says

This author is in desperate need of an editor.

Derek Reeves says

Well... not too bad I must say. Although you wouldn't think there would be a language barrier between American English and British but it seems there is. Its either that or this is left with several grammatical errors that are almost distracting.

However Johnson does have a unique twist to the whole zombie usuals, bringing out the more scientific side of things as well as adding his own unique idea of spreading the infection.

As I say with every zombie book I've reviewed, come on, we all know what happens with these stories but it has become interesting to me to see how different authors put their spin on it.

Johnson has done a fine job with his version. He keeps you engulfed in the story with the various suspense lead-ons, bouncing to different chapters where another character is the main focus then blending the different happenings all together and intertwining the different character who before had no viable connection otherwise.

My only complaint was the disappointing shortness of part one but its compensated by the lead into part two. Makes you wonder why he wasted the money with four novellas instead of 2 novels... who knows.

However, I'm anxiously on my way to start part two. I'll let you know how it turns out. :)

Tim Scott says

I really liked this book just didn't connect with how they were turning and the process. The action was solid and the characters were interesting. If you are like me and read anything you get your hands on you will not be disappointed with this book.

Joanne says

I didn't realize this book was not complete. Enjoyed part I now I have to wait for part 2

patrycja polczyk says

I got this story by an accident, when it was Kindle Daily Deals. It's not a book, just a short story, which I've read in two hours. First few chapters are boring, then it gets bit better. But I don't think it's good enough for me to read rest of it. I don't see why author was describing what kind of phone or Internet provider character in book was using. Was that supposed to be kind of product placement? And truth is I've felt like it's a story written as a teenager, who is playing too much video games...

Rhonda says

The free lure on kindle to get us to buy the second book. I love end of times zombie/virus/aliens/etc. books, but this one is kinda gross, and seems a little hopeless, and I'm not sure if I like anyone enough to keep

reading.

Samuel says

The story is entertaining and gripping. It's short enough to swallow whenever you have a couple of hours free. A train ride or a rainy afternoon. The characters, while not exactly deeply complex (there's not really enough time for them to be) are decent enough to keep us interested. The zombie origin story is interesting, too. Different from most.

But the writing is awful.

Not just mistakes that a good proof read would have picked up, but the author doesn't seem to understand the possessive apostrophe. He doesn't use contractions, either. It's all 'does not', 'will not' and 'would not'. People don't talk or think like that, it serves to make the writing clunky and make it flow like a river of bricks. Word choice is poor in places, and it seems the author didn't read the finished product as it lacks the kind of polish a book gains in proofs and re-writes.

That said, it sucks you in like a Dyson Hoover.

It's almost painful reading some of this, due to mistakes and badly worded sentences, but you have to keep reading to find out what happens.

I'll be reading the others in the series to find out what happens, but I'll be re-writing some of it in my head as I go.

Excellent plotting, subpar writing. Worth a read as long as it stays under £1

Andrew says

An alternative perspective on the zombie apocalypse. The style, mixing the story of 5 characters (3 central) in overlapping chapters kept it vibrant and held your attention. The focus on the breakdown in society felt realistic, although a little throw away at times, with some stereotyping. The conclusion was a little 'out there', pushing the boundaries of belief, but hey, it's the zombie apocalypse, artistic licence can forgive this. Unfortunately, this is where the praise ends.

I always look forward to catching a diamond in the rough in the free kindle downloads, and this was almost one of those, but it just misses out.

If you're going to do something, it's worth doing well and this story would benefit from being subjected to a decent editor's close scrutiny. Every couple of pages there was a grammatical or a spelling error. Every time one glared out of the text I found myself increasingly frustrated by the distraction. So much so, that I can't recommend this book as a diamond in the rough, I'm afraid it's just a piece of broken glass, which is a shame, because it could have been much more.

Jan says

Not really long enough for me to call it a true book

Tommy Darby says

The Sixth Extinction Part One: Outbreak
by Glen Johnson

In Marolambo, Madagascar, nine sick loggers are airlifted out to a hospital and the epidemic begins. In three weeks, the disease has traversed the world and Great Britain is quarantined with very little service from anything still around. They still have power though and a television will work, but only a looping broadcast of news a week old is being shown. The world is coming to an end. And worse than that, zombies are on the loose. It is one thing to be sick, but being sick and having to run from zombies is bound to be worse. This is not an epidemic, but a pandemic. I wonder what the difference is?

The main character is Noah and the setting of the book is in some town in England where a very few survivors are trying to figure out what to do next. Noah scavenges food from some stores in the neighborhood and has only an air rifle that shoots pellets. Remember in England there are severe gun laws and not a whole lot of gun shops can be found. So he has to make do with a box full of pellets.

Looting begins in the cities and people are stealing televisions and blue-ray players, but what in the world for? What are they going to watch? Soon the looting changes to can foods and whatever else is left that is edible. Of course the zombies find plenty of things that are edible, the survivors.

Noah finds a girl hiding out in a small building and together they try to survive. Some zombies come calling and he gets trapped in a nearby building. But then the surprise comes. This is a serial novel and ends with "To Be Continued." I just hate it when I accidentally read one of these books. Not sure if I want to by the next volume or not when I already have a hundred in my book queue to catch up on. Maybe next year. Tis was a good book though even if it was too short. I do like zombie books though, so maybe I will pick it up sooner than later.

My prediction is that zombie books are going to be even more popular after this summer when the blockbuster movie "World War Z" comes out. This one will be starring Brad Pitt and is based upon the bestselling book by the same name. You can guess what the "Z" stands for in that title. Going to be a good one.

Jason says

Extremely Short Read

The writing in this story isn't bad...I just didn't particularly care for the story. Maybe the remainder of the series improves on the things I didn't care for but I don't want to buy the rest of a full book over the course of 5 or 6 mini-books to find out.
