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In a desperate bid to repair the relationship with her son, Audrey Fields plans a getaway for the two of them at a remote, off the grid, campsite. No electricity, no phones, no distractions.

When things don't go as planned, Audrey begins her journey home, only to make the horrifying discovery that ninety percent of the population has suddenly died. Whatever happened sent cars spiraling out of control and planes to fall from the sky.

Alone and separated from her family, Audrey is soon joined by two other survivors. Their trek across Virginia is nothing less than walking through a minefield. Each day more and more people mysteriously die.

They believe what has occurred is an EMP. However, they soon learn that it is something completely different. Something new. It is not over yet, not by a long shot.

Now, Audrey's mission is not only to find her family, it is to stay alive until the event has run its course.

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Kylie D says

I enjoyed this book. It was a quick read about a woman trying to reconnect with her son, but he storms off just before the apocalypse hits. Audrey then teams up with two men to try to find him, and also her husband and daughter who were left at home. But time is counting down to the next major event that will cause even more wide spread disaster, so will Audrey find them in time, if at all? This book brings together the strength of the human spirit in a world changing rapidly. Recommended.

unknown says

Not her best

And I have read a lot of her books. This one reads like she just "phoned it in" . Not recommended.

Sue says

I've criticised this prolific author's earlier work for the proof-reading (lack thereof!) but this is definitely step up. It's about a natural event which kills almost everyone on the planet in an instant. It is quickly established that the only survivors are those who were 'off the grid', and they are still not safe. The main character - Audrey - believes her husband, son and daughter may have survived and she is on a journey to seek them out (a very familiar post-apocalyptic theme).

As usual, the characters are realistic and distinctive, and the scene-setting is good. I do have trouble with the dialogue because it is very colloquial and sometimes unfamiliar words and phrases are used.

The book is very short (only 167 pages) and could really do with being a bit longer for the money being asked.

Pam Shelton-Anderson says

This was a decent book and like many of this author's stories, looks at disaster just a little differently which is a great pleasure. This did follow a bit of a familiar pattern, though, mother separated from family and trying to get home. I was a little surprised that her worry about her grown son was so prominent, yet worry about her young daughter rarely registered. I liked the "chance" friends that she made, West, Shane and Ladke; they added to the story a lot. There were a few typos and writing errors (Frederikton vs Fredericksburg, Indian vs Indiana etc). I'm not sure that the science of how the solar phenomenon would affect electrical items in this way would hold up. The ending seemed a little hurried though it ended with optimism. I enjoyed reading it but didn't grab me as much as many of her other stories.

Leslie L. Allen says

A New Druga Smash Hit!!

I love Jacqueline Druga's writing style and will read anything she writes, so it won't surprise you that I loved this book too. The story draws you in and is fast paced. A great summer read for a lazy Saturday by the pool. I would have given it 5 stars but editing is important to me, and I picked up a couple dozen grammar and punctuation errors that any halfway decent proofreader would have caught. My heart said, "5 stars," but my head did the scoring. However, if you like Druga or apocalyptic fiction, you'll like this story!

Connie Nealy says

Different Apocalypse

Audrey is a mother of 2 y/o daughter and 21 y/o son. She goes on an off the grid weekend with her son to try to reconnect. Things do not go well and her son leaves first thing the next morning. When Audrey heads home a couple of hours later all she finds on the road home is everyone dead. She returns to the campsite and joins up with 2 other campers. Follow their story of searching for her family and the cause of everyone's death. This is an apocalyptic story never told. You will love the characters and not be able to put it down. Definitely a must read!

Susan says

Another hit!

Jackie Druga is a genius! Every one of her books draws me in and won't let go. This book is no exception.

This is a very different kind of ending to the world. It's very scary to think about, because it's something that very well could happen. Our world depends on electronics and whoever thought they could be so dangerous?

I would recommend this book to anyone who lives this genre. Take a seat and get ready to get caught up in the hush.

Mercedes says

Thanks for the nightmares, Jackie!! ;) I loved this book. It's a whole new type of Apocalypse, and was really interesting to read about. Audrey could be a little irritating and irrational at times, but for the most part, she was doing what any other mother would do.

I agreed with West's assessment of her marriage to Ken, though...she never talks about him. I would have loved to learned more about her relationship with Ken and her daughter (who was mentioned so little that I

don't even remember her name). I felt like her entire focus was Michael, and her husband and daughter were just background characters that she knew she SHOULD be worried about, but wasn't. At least no nearly as much as she was worried about Michael (who is extremely unlikable).

Overall though, this was a great read. My 10 year old son is now reading it and really enjoying it. I love pretty much all of Jackie's books, and definitely recommend them to anyone who's a fan of apocalyptic thrillers.

Sarah Crawford says

The sun acts up in a way that sends a massive electrical shock through anything connected to electrical wires, thus killing pretty much the majority of people in the country. Audrey is a mother with a rebellious son so she plans to go to a camp and work on their relationship.

Things go bad quick as her son leaves and then the event happens. Audrey wants to work her way back to her home and find her son and her husband and manages to pick up a couple survivors along the way although she is badly injured in an event that severely burns her hand.

So, all they have to do is get through to the home, avoid the people who are still alive, desperate and violent and avoid anything else the sun throws at them. It's a very difficult journey in a pretty well written book.

Steve Coulson says

Finally, something different in Post Apoc

This was an engrossing read. It is suspenseful and emotionally charged. I love post apocalyptic fiction but it's all the same lately. This is a refreshing new idea and though it is Sci Fi, it made me believe enough to feel fear. That's what I enjoy about this genre. The undercurrent of tension because an excellent storyteller makes you believe in something crazy. Or is it crazy?

Lisa Rodgers says

Innovative Scenario, Relatable Characters.

UPFRONT TAKE: Innovative plot, going beyond the normal EMP scenario. Loved the characters, even the bull-headed protagonist. Very clean, great for all down to 10 years, but parents should prep young readers with discussions of violence against women being Never appropriate, and probably moral guidance needed about scenes of looting -- when okay, when not.

So, I really liked this book. This author continues to improve her skills, and I appreciate her conceptual approach of, sure, let's include lots of death and misery, but we don't need to go into super-gory details. I appreciate that, as do many others.

I continue to plead with ALL Post-Apocalypsw genre authors to include more true and concrete info, tools, actions, tricks, tips and techniques for ensuring, and prevailing, during dangerous or even just tough times. I was pleased to see this author include some here!

One final thing I like, is that this author tends to write "complete" Kindle books. She doesn't do super-short stories with cliffhangers that require buying 10 more books to ever get closure. Rather, she writes stories with a closure, so one can step away satisfied. Sure, a sequel may follow; but it won't be rushed just to meet a deadline.

Now, a minor peeve: this book's protagonist got lucky so many times that it became a stretch. In real life, a person making such bad choices so many times, would definitely end up assuming toom temoerature (dead) sooner rather than later. This was the soccer mom version of Bruce Willis on estrogen. **SHE. JUST. WOULDN'T. DIE!** It was a bit too much. Or, maybe I just don't get it, as I will never be a woman or mother (because I'm a father already!)

Well, that's all folks. I definitely enjoyed and recommend this book. Read it!

Cheri says

Honestly, I thought the storyline was unique and intriguing, the characters, however, had no depth and Audry was an idiot. sitting right there with a Doctor and she refuses treatment which caused her more trouble and ended up being the helpless female she didn't want to be. It irritated me.

Rhonda says

Sadly, this should be a 3.5, but I would rather bump this writer's work up than down.

This is just a rehash of Under the Grey Skies, though that one was a new ice age and this book deal with pole reversals.

The women in each book are separated from their families and spend the entire book looking for them while racing ahead of danger, in this book it's nuclear meltdowns from nuclear power plants.

I love Jacqueline Druga's easy way of writing, but she just doesn't feel as committed to her work as she has been in the past.

Bert DeLoach says

A great read for a snowy day.

The characters were well developed, and likeable. The protagonist was a bit more beaten up by the events than one would expect she could reasonably live through.

It seemed as though she was getting so much worse as time went by. I am astounded that she lived.

The book was fast paced and a compelling read.

The only fault I can find is that the way the book was edited, made it read kooky on word runner.

Jeanette says

No zombies!

Ms. Jackie Druga never lets me down. When I pick up one of her books I know I'm in for a great read. This was a little different. No zombies, (ha!) But CME's that destroy a bunch of people too close to electricity. Power plants destroyed along with towns & suburbs.

Our main character, Audrey, is trying to meet up with her wayward son Michael. She leaves behind her disgruntled husband and her young daughter Molly. She finds Michael but he leaves before morning. This is when she realizes something is wrong. She has to find Michael & make it home to her family . On her journey she makes new friends West & Shane. They agree to travel with her.

Will she make it? Is her family still alive?

I would recommend this author to anyone who enjoys a good read. Not just this book but she has written lots of others . (Her "Beginnings" series is my favorite! I love Frank!)

Treat yourself...you won't regret it!?

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