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The battle for the fate of humanity is about to begin...

Following a global economic collapse in 2029 that brought governments to their knees, chaos and brutal violence spread across the globe. To fill the power vacuum, huge multinational corporations, backed by their wealthy benefactors, seized the reins of power and took over governing the masses. Nearly sixty years later, the world has returned to an era of prosperity and progress. There is no crime, no unemployment, no homelessness, and no war.

The progress has come at a price. People are nothing more than disposable pawns for corporate machines whose sole purpose is to enrich the elite who trade their shares on the world's lone stock exchange, Intercorpex. Every employee is constantly monitored, their activities logged, and every sentence they utter dissected for hints of subversion. Most of the world's population has accepted this as the way of life. Not all of them have.

When terrorists set off an explosion that causes problems with trading on the exchange, it sets a series of events in motion that threatens the very fabric of society. Egos clash as bureaucrats, leaders, and the wealthy elite all play politics in the midst of the greatest threat the new economic system has ever faced. Battle lines are being drawn. Alliances are forming. Power moves are being made. Will an attack on the exchange succeed in bringing society to its knees, or can a last ditch effort save the world from plunging into the darkness of another economic collapse?

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firebreathingbq says

First of all, I want to thank Mr. Carlson himself. Who send me the pdf file of this amazing book. Thank you, for giving me the opportunity to read this book. I have never read this kind of genre before. Dystopian, is what it's called..I geuss. eheh

2029...Wow! If the world would become like how it was described in this become. Oh man... The economy collapsed, corporations took over everything. The way people are living. Everyone has a job, just don't try to bend the rules.

The rebellions, the ones who live on there own. At the edge of society, doing what they want. Not following any rule. It's like they're preparing for war. Something we see now, sadly.

The fear of losing everything the achieved so far. Letting the Corporations rule America Inc... But the Rebellions have something else in mind. This book is absolutely, a must read.

If I could give it more than 5 stars, I would. Great Job.

Sam (samyinbookworld) says

This is the kind of book that I would read in the morning with a cup of coffee because its plot gave me an impression like I was reading a newspaper, which I usually do in the morning.

America, Inc. is classified as a political thriller although class it more under dystopian. Why? Because it describes a world in the future, a world where all of the known political regimes collapse and corporations are the ones who run international affairs.

As I mentioned, it is set in the future. In the year 2029 the world faces another economy collapse. The governments that we are familiar with today, no longer exist. In the year 2088 the global politics and economy is run by international corporation called Intercorpex. The society is divided in three groups: the urches who live in the underground. They are the lowest class of the society. Then we have the workers of the corporation and the patricians who have the majority of the wealth in their hands. There is no crime because everybody is under surveillance. Sound like a great world, right?

There are five characters who narrate the story. Three of them present the economical and political system in the future. But the most interesting characters were the father-and-son duo. The father is called Teman who is a Chief Guardian of Public Safety and his son is Rykoss who is still a student. These two represent an ideological battle of the new corporate system.

Teman who works for Intercorpex, is aware that the regime they are living in is not a good one. There may be no crime, but at what cost? You are under constant surveillance and you must not criticise Intercorpex because they can hear you. Teman's life philosophy is "bow your head if you want to live". On the other

side, we have his son Rykoss who criticises his father and questions the system. If we look at our history, especially the 60's of the 20th century, students were usually the ones who started protests and revolutions by criticising the society and its rules.

What I'm wondering is, how much thought has the author given to the current political and economical affairs? If you look at Russia, North Korea and China, there is little possibility that they will subdue to the US. This is something that I missed in the book. What about these countries? How are they doing in the year of 2088?

Otherwise this book was a really interesting read and would definitely recommend to all. It shows that capitalism and communism (totalitarianism) are actually the same, which is something I read in a book for my studies.

Thank you Booktasters for the opportunity.

Original review is on my blog: <https://samyinbookworld.wordpress.com...>

Rhonda says

Not the type of book that I usually read, but it held my attention and I didn't see that ending coming. I hope that our world never ends up like this, but I can imagine it happening.

Stephanie says

Thanks to Mikael Carlson for allowing me the opportunity to read and review this novel.

As a fan of Orwellian dystopia and similar vein, this book did not disappoint and I would recommend it highly.

This novel is deemed as a 'political thriller'. While this is almost correct, I would say this would be more accurately described as a dystopian novel. Imagine our world in a future where our current form of government no longer exists, there are no countries, and in their place large corporations are in control of the world's affairs and wealth. Not everything is smooth sailing in this existence however, as the world is on the brink of another economical collapse. If this arouses your curiosity as it did mine, please read further.

A terrorist attack in NYC starts a chain of events that causes the directors of America Inc to realise that everything they have built and achieved could come undone and crumble around them. The story is told through the eyes and minds of five characters, and while it was sometimes confusing jumping back and forth between them, it is clear that the author wants you, the reader, to fully appreciate the ripple effect caused by this act of defiance.

The book is heavily plot driven and left me again contemplating a recurring thought as to whether security and peace in exchange for your freedom is too high a price to pay.

Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed this book. As mentioned above, I sometimes found it confusing when going

between character POVs, but purely because of the rapid frequency that this occurred. One thing I would have liked to see is more expression as to how the characters were feeling, but at the same time this may not be entirely necessary.

Mary Nieberg-Berry says

America Inc, by Mikael Carlson, a dystopian political thriller is a fast paced read. Twists and turns throughout the story line brings the reader to an end but looking for more...where nothing is what it seems and story lines come to a surprising conclusion. Who would have thought that America would end up like this?! I received a free copy of this book thanks to the author in alliance with "BookTasters"

Zuribooks says

If you love Dystopian books, especially those written by Orwell you will definitely love this one, It's a Political thriller perfect for action book fans!

60 years After 2029 economic breakdown governments have been replaced by corporations like Intercorpex and their subsidiaries, only these corporations handle everything, the world is a better place (at least it seems like that) but peace has a price and sometimes a very high one, the first chapter is settled in the USA. Big corporations manage huge trade operations and one day a terrorist group called Liberteum attack an important place for these operations in New York.

The book is written in a personal point of view, each character inside has a specific task inside the story and they will develop the story until the breaking point, sometimes I have to admit I was a little lost, especially at the beginning of the story i had to re-read several times to understand what was exactly happening and how was connected with the rest of the story, but dystopian literature is like that, sometimes you need to go back to understand better, so its fine.

I want to thank Book Tasters and the Author to send me this wonderful book, I recommend it to anyone who follows George Orwell or Aldous Huxley.

Vijay Anand says

Well, that was engrossing.

It was after a long time that I felt like picking up a dystopian novel, and I'm glad I did.

Although, I'm not 100% certain that 'America Inc.' is dystopian in the broadly accepted meaning of the word. I mean, the future in the story is different (and not exactly bleak), but it has enough to connect it to our world for it to seem all too plausible.

This is an Orwellian tale for the modern reader, with capitalism replacing ideology, and peppered with cautionary advice.

It's nearing the end of the 21st Century, and the world as we know has long since ceased to exist. After a crippling economic collapse in the third decade of this century, corporations have taken over the world.

There are no countries anymore, just corporations (America Inc., India Inc. You get the picture); no citizens, only employees. Corporations and their cities (subsidiaries?) are governed by CEOs. Gross incompetence is a capital crime.

At the heart of it, America Inc. is a pulsating whodunit wrapped around a tale of Machiavellian intrigue and political grandstanding.

A series of devastating terrorist attacks against the global trading regulator, Intercorpex, threaten to cripple the world economy.

It's a story as old as time — rebellion against the established order by any means necessary. Often by people once part of that very order.

This time, the group of insurgents wants a return to the life of old, where poverty existed, but people had true liberty.

The story is brilliantly, unusually (at least for me) told — unusual in that each character gets a first person POV. Each character has a distinct voice. This is incredibly hard to pull off — not only to give each character his or her voice, but to maintain and develop it with the story. It's impressive in scope and execution.

The characters are also well-developed from those in the shadowy halls of power right down to those in the trenches. I will not go into too much detail, as the joy of the book is to grow with the characters.

I will, however, say that I found myself drawn to Chief Inspector Zyree, a no-nonsense, hard-nosed investigator who was ostensibly given carte blanche to solve the mystery of the terrorist group, which he does in a nerve-wracking finale.

Given that this is the first part of the 'Black Swan' trilogy, the story ends on a satisfactory note. I look forward to continuing the series.

Caitlin says

'America, Inc.' is described as a political thriller, but I would more readily class it as an action book with hints of science fiction scattered throughout. Set in a future where governments have been replaced by corporations and their subsidiaries, and the people are divided into distinct classes based on their wealth—the majority of the population are the employees, while the top percentage fall into their own categories each having different wealth and influence on the ruling bodies.

We focus on a number of characters, each with different jobs and different roles within the complex story. The story follows these characters as they try to deal with the fallout of a major attack by a rebel group on the New York Intercorpex headquarters, the main share trading hub for the elite. These characters run their own investigation into the attack, into the main power players for the CEO and other high ranking positions, and the story climaxes as the rebel group carry out a major attack on Intercorpex and threatens to shatter the

economy.

I thought the book had a really interesting concept and was set in such a detailed world, and raised some really relevant points about the power of corporations and the exploitation of the main population for financial gain. I enjoyed the futuristic setting and learning about the main powers and power struggles between countries and individuals fighting to get places on their board and at the head of a company.

That being said, I was very confused as to the exact story as at times too much was happening. Some of the major plot points were skimmed over and as we had so many characters, it was hard to keep track of what each of them was doing and their role in the current events. While in many books switching between a characters POV between chapters allows more exploration into their own story, it happened too often and too quickly in this book and I really wanted more detail into some of the characters.

The really unique setting and concept was let down by very rushed story telling, and at sometimes a little more explanation of major plot points would have helped the story flow more and be more impactful.

Grady says

Could This be our future? This was a great read with action and twists to keep you interested. Can't wait to read the next book in the series.

BookHobo says

Thanks to Book Tasters for the opportunity and to Author Mikael for his generosity, I'm offered this book in exchange for a review.

If anyone is willing to heed my review to read this book, I recommend reading this with your undivided attention and without distractions. I thought it will be a casual ride as any other book I've stumbled upon, but I dove into a plot that was both mentally intriguing and brain-wracking. As someone who only knows the fundamentals both in regards to politics and global economy, it was rough digesting all the info-drops in each chapter. As a fan of speculative fiction, it was also enjoyable. It was a wave of torture and fun.

So whether you're a light reader or someone with profound knowledge of the categories typed above, it is worth spending your time.

The book sets on the future wherein big corporation sovereigns the world and its setting takes place in America, emphasizing the issues between individual freedom and mass order. As this is the first part of the series, it describes the background of its world build. Multiple POVs were confusing but serve to make the readers understand the overall picture of the main plot as it goes forward. There are five characters narrating the story: Lyris, a Director of Intercorpex's Global Exchange; Fiolla, a White House director of Corporate Affairs; Rykos, a student and a rebel against the government's system; Teman, the Public Safety's Chief Guardian; and Chief Inspector Zyree. The first two narrators expressed more of the bureaucratic, economic, and political spectrum. The third gives the dark introspection of the book's agenda. The fourth encompasses the leading action scenes along with the personal versus professionalism issues brought upon. And the last is... just Zyree being Zyree, the voice of reason, and the comic relief to all the tension and seriousness.

The book is heavily plot-driven and less expressive in terms of the physical structure and inner turmoil within the characters. Deep-rooted and realistic, to the point where you can actually feel involved as the plot quickly thickens. Fast-paced with a mystery note, rather than a thriller. It didn't put me at the edge of the seat but rendered me idle to reflect the premise. Overall peace and security in exchange for freedom? Is freedom worth all the terror and catastrophe? How are the rest of the developing nation handle themselves? How the rest of the lower tier classes survive within the underground? Is the life of wild and ecosystem still even present?

Olu says

This is a good book that gets your attention from the first page.

Very easy read and quite intriguing. This book would have you on your seat, hoping to turn the pages.

I do not like giving out book details in reviews as I consider it a spoiler (lol).

So I'd say if you want to imagine what the world might look like after politicians are done with it, read this amazing book.

Victor Bookworm says

2029...Wow! If the world would become like how it was described in this become. At the edge of society, doing what they want. Not following any rule. It's like they're preparing for war. There are two people of different age with different ideology and perspective because of age difference. There is also need to balance the political and economic issues because as illustrated in this mouth watering book I foresee disaster lol. The author outlined that totalitarianism is need to merge the communist and capitalist.

Just grab your copy and I promise you'll not put the book until you read the last full stop.

To Hearts says

America, Inc. is a really good read and I found it quite difficult to put down after reading the first chapter. It has great humor, amazing dialogue and overall, it made me ponder after finishing it. Loved it and definitely recommend it. I think it's the perfect book for this and the upcoming generation to read and dissect.

Tracy Huebsch says

For fans of Orwell's "1984", this is a must read! The story is told through the perspectives of five people and their roles in an increasingly enthralling situation. The plot is a frighteningly real portrayal of what our world could someday look like amid the recent political and economic climates. The writing is engaging, and I continually found myself unable to put this one down. I highly recommend this book and look forward to

reading the rest of the series.

Roxanne says

This is a Goodreads win review. This book is a political thriller. It starts in 2029 (which is closer then we think) and the global economy has collapsed and violence has spread across the globe. Corporations take all the power and prosperity takes place. But the price the citizens pay for this is high, because they are monitored every minute and they have accepted this. This is already true on so many levels in the world now. But some people do not accept this and problems ensue. This is a thrilling book.
