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Back Country J, Blake Jackson is back in the second episode of The World Burns Series

The Cayhills make the perfect addition to The Homestead, and there is a wedding to plan. The group starts to salvage what they can from the burned out world.

A new danger arises and one of the Homestead group is injured. Outnumbered and outgunned, they have to use and learn new skills to move silently through the world and avoid its many dangers.

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Connie Bassett says

I love Boyd!

Thanks for another great story line and giving the military experience to a woman! YES! Finally the woman isn't there just to can and care for the little ones. Although they can do that too

Jodi Woody says

Ashes of the World is book two in a post apocalyptic series. An EMP has taken everyone off the grid, those who left it years ago have the upper hand. As the title tell us things are getting harder for the survivors. There are some new characters introduced in this one, all of them not good. A good read, in fact I downloaded them all. I give this one three stars, I liked it. Shorter novel. No swearing, there is violence and implied sexual content as well as talk of rape, and cannibalism. I can recommend for ages 17 and up.

James J. Seals Jr says

Boyd Craven's Ashes Of The World series continues to meet my expectations as great Post Apocalyptic fiction. The World Burns, number two in the series keeps getting better and better. Well developed believable characters thrust into horrible situations show how we might react in a situation such as this in the real world. For those willing to learn, Craven teaches many techniques throughout his works on how to survive in a chaotic and deadly aftermath of a major disaster.

Lisa Riviello says

Entertaining

I liked the details given on all the survival activities done by the characters. Definitely going to go back over and copy for future reference, if needed.

Chrystal Roe says

Great

I am really enjoying this series. Things are starting to get more dangerous as time goes by. The group is getting larger though and more hands are a good thing. On to book three.

Celestine says

Mainly a survival story that holds your interest. Couple falls in love, but the romantic tension is nil.

Vicki says

it was another good one, fast read, now on to book 3.

Susan says

Interesting apocalyptic story. Too short of course.

chucklesthescot says

Lisa, Weston and Bobby are now settling into Blake's ranch and trying to make themselves useful and pull their weight. The new task for the group is to raid the abandoned Wal-Mart trucks in town to get more supplies and to deal with a couple of teenagers who show up asking for supplies. Duncan is instantly suspicious of their motives and chases them away but soft hearted Bobby decides to risk trying to help them as he is interested in Melissa, a decision which could put the whole ranch in jeopardy.

This is the second novella in the series and we join the story when the three new arrivals are settling into life at the ranch and, they hope, a safer environment. Bobby is not the sharpest tool in the box and his personal interest in Melissa overcomes his common sense as well as the rules on the ranch. Despite being told by Duncan to stay away from the strangers, Bobby disregards that to do what he wants, risking the ranch safety in general. He really is a bit of an idiot. He's probably my least favourite character though I don't dislike him. I just get really frustrated by his ongoing stupidity. Weston is the smarter brother and was in training as a cop when the EMP hit and the family fled for their lives. They and mother Lisa are the new arrivals at the ranch and are expected to do their bit. I liked Lisa and it will be interesting to see if things develop between her and Duncan.

The tension level is ramped up in this book when our group come into new danger. The two teenagers at their property are just the start of their troubles and opinion is mixed on how to deal with it. I admit that I sided with Duncan, mainly because I'm already the most suspicious person on the planet and that is without living in an apocalypse situation! Blake is going to have to deal with the outcome of Bobby's actions and it leads to the discovery of a group of heavily armed psychos with a captured harem of women. The group are going to be tested morally and physical over the choice of trying to rescue the women or put the safety of their ranch first.

I liked the changing plot in this book and found it quite a tense and exciting read. There are six of them at the ranch-can they really take on a group of that size who are well armed and very dangerous? I liked the way this plot gradually unfolded as they tried to think of a way to rescue the prisoners. The fact that I was so heavily invested in the fate of the characters proved again how well the author had written them. I was very anxious about Duncan as he is still my favourite character!

As a reader, I have always had a good imagination so I can imagine actually living in one of these apocalypse situations. If I was in one, I would want to be part of a group like this, though perhaps without all the terror that seems to follow them! I very much enjoyed this book and moved right on to book three!

Lilyn G. | Sci-Fi & Scary says

I do not understand the 4 star reviews.

Female character displays strong traits – someone responds to this with a ‘is she available/too bad she’s taken’ remark. Repeatedly. I understand its near a TEOTWAWKI situation, but come on. Have some diversity of response in there. Yes, self-sufficiency is attractive, but must we leap right to commenting that we’d like the chance to claim those who demonstrate it?

Oh, lookie, another character talking about/referring to/being a part of love at first sight. Color me shocked. Well, not really, because it just happened in the last bite sized novella.

Grammar.

Okay, so I might be being a bit harsh because I had a chance to read some really excellent work last night, and this pales in comparison, but at this point I don’t think I’m going to bother reading the rest of the ‘series’ if this going to continue in the same vein.

Its an interesting premise, just needs refinement.

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Kelly Wade says

Love it

I am rereading this series and am enjoying it as much as I did the last time. Nice to read thru in one setting.

Michelle McPherson says

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This book was just as good as the first one. Two criticisms this time, the same as before, not long enough, the sons was that there were far more grammatical and editing errors in this book. I will say I read this while camping under the stars out in the middle of nowhere with no electrical hum, it made it so much easier and realistic seeking while reading this story.

Chessy The Cat says

Blake Jackson and his new extended family are busy putting away food for the coming winter. Sandra Duncan's father, who is a preacher by trade, has agreed to marry them. Soon after they discover a hostile group looking to take over their farm.

Craven's second novella in The World Burns series, Ashes of the World, continues Blake's story as he tries to put all that he has learned and blogged about into the real world in which he now finds himself. With the addition of the Cayhills the work distribution is easier, but is it enough to fend off a larger attacking force?

Another well edited short read full of action and suspense.

5 out of 5 stars.

Cynthia L. Turner says

Ashes

The story of Blake and Sandra continues with their little band of family and friends. Upon discovering a new threat against their homestead, the group goes into action. A very good addition to the series.

Uncle Dave Avis says

This author has written a very good story in a series of books that I highly recommend. The story revolves around an EMP from an unexpected attack on the U.S.

The characters are well developed and the main characters persist thru all of the books in this series. Other characters are featured for less time.

The pace of the book / series is rapid with no places that bog down.

There is only minimal cussing and nowhere is God cursed.

This book / series really held my attention, entertained me, and left me with a positive feeling. I highly recommend it.
