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On June 21, 2020 civilization will fall and the dead will rise. Northwest Indiana will become ground zero for the zombie plague. Within twenty-four hours, Chicago will be nothing more than a breeding ground for the undead. Some people will choose to fortify their homes while others flee to the woods when it becomes apparent that there's no end in sight to their hell on Earth. How will you survive the apocalypse?

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Frances says

The presentation of a slower sort of zomapoc where at least some of the infrastructure starts in effect is interesting.

That said, I am 24% of the way in and I would dearly love to meet a female character who isn't incompetent, in denial, or dead. Kind of holding out hope for Carolyn[1] to come back as a survivor and righteously smite the dudes who are dispatching their former neighbours, but at this point I'm not sure it'd be enough.

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31% of the way in. Two more women have shown up (one alive by the grace of dudes with guns, one who got beat up by bad guys and then hooked on to the same dudes with guns group). Carolyn has also joined the dudes with guns, because she's a crying blonde and they're a sap for that, even though the author assures us she's shallow and stupid. My hopes of her smiting people are not coming to fruition.

Back at the apartment complex, Christine is still... not doing much. Being cool with her fiance going out to kill sick people (yes, zombies, but she's clinging to the "sick people" thing) every morning. Wondering how she'd ever survive if he died and not doing anything to answer the question. You know.

I'm not asking for Lyudmila Pavlichenko here, but could I get /something/?

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43% of the way in and there's a female character following the dudes-with-guns group. She is apparently skilled enough to not be noticed as she follows the group, hiding in shadow and tree-top. I will take it. (Her name is Anita.)

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51% of the way in, a month and a half into the zombie apocalypse, and Christine has just announced that she wants to help so she's going to START getting training.

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53% of the way in and in the space of a page a character has breathily flirted with a guy to make him agree to a plan, been rude to him so he won't think she likes him because then he might try something, and snottily implied that Carolyn, who is interested in him, is a total slut (who hasn't actually slept with any of the guys in the group in the six weeks they've been together).

(Actually, Carolyn is basically a totally beautiful blonde who is lucky for her being irresistible to guys--except all of them actually reject her, either because she's stupid and shallow or because she's stupid and shallow compared to the truly beautiful, intelligent woman who spent the first twenty-eight hours of the zombie apocalypse in high heels.)

I tried. I really did.

"But the reader of the "Deerslayer" tale dislikes the good people in it, is indifferent to the others, and wishes they would all get drowned together."

[1] Who was locked into her apartment so her (male) neighbour could intermittently feel bad about doing it. She then somehow disappeared.

PJ Lea says

Quite good.

Quite a good plot and action. I struggled to care enough about the characters to worry whether they lived or died, though. It was unfortunate as it would have made it a more enjoyable read. Not the worst zombie book I've read, but nowhere near the best.

Rich Fiege says

Gave it to halfway through. Just couldn't get in to it.

debbie says

This is an excellent choice for anyone who enjoys a really good zombie apocalypse story you find y

A really good zombie apocalypse story you find yourself caring about the characters and how they have to adjust to their new world

Kelley says

Great ideas but it just didn't live up to them. I ended up wanting some of the characters to die to move the story along.
