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This is the journal of Private Kenji Yoshida of the U.S. Marine Corp. It details his experiences in the field with the Oz virus and in particular the initial outbreak at the small outback town of Woomera - the beginnings of what is now known as the Secret Apocalypse.

It also details his relationship with Rebecca Robinson, the only known survivor of the Oz virus.

It is a story of survival, sacrifice and discovery. It is a story of a boy in love with a girl.

It is the story of a man's journey into hell.

The Lost Journal of Private Kenji Yoshida is set in the weeks leading up to the events that take place in The Secret Apocalypse.

It is approximately 30,000 words in length or 120 pages.

## **The Lost Journal Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Lost Journal for online ebook**

### **Karen says**

This was a nice short read that leads you into what caused the tragedy in Australia in the first place as well as letting you get to know one of the main characters from the Secret Apocalypse series. The story flows forward giving you information enough to understand what is going on. The language works for the character and the situations that he is in. This is not an adrenaline rush type of thing but more of a gradual build with a narrative that overlays all.

Kenji Yoshida was shipped off to military school by his parents and because he was so angry he did not say goodbye to the girl he had feelings for. He runs away from the school and joins the Marines even though he is underage and becomes a marksman. Having been deployed when he returns he has trouble adjusting and the doctor suggests that he keep a journal so that he does not continue to internalize his feelings. That journal details his deployments and the final deployment to Australia to help at an immigration center. What he learns there spurs him to go and find Rebecca and warn her about what is happening.

I'm not going to say it's riveting but it's like being in the mind of someone while they debate with themselves. A nice addition to the series.

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### **Rachel says**

My review of the two lost journals is located under The Lost Journal: Part Two.

My review of all the main books in the series up to and including book 6 is located under A World on Fire: Secret Apocalypse Book 6.

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### **Tammy K. says**

This is a short story in the series a Secret Apocalypse, that takes place between books 1 and 2.

It is about a US soldier named Kenji who was sent into battle during the initial stages of the Zombie outbreak in Australia. That is pretty much all that it has in common with the first book of the series. I was expecting (hoping) to have the characters in this installment connect somehow with those of the first book, but it didn't happen.

I enjoyed this story. There was usually a clear path for the characters to follow. The author did a decent job foreshadowing the events to come which added to my enjoyment as the characters and plot progressed. However, the journal entries seemed to lack the intensity of the "Run or fight for your life" excitement that the first book had.

Also, Kenji seemed a bit tame, too naïve and romantic for a US Military soldier. Yet that might be because this series is written for young adults?

Overall it was a good read and so I am giving it 3.5 stars but since that is not an option, I am rounding up to 4 stars.

I plan to keep reading this series as I am hoping to get back to the original characters.

I recommend this book (series) to readers of the young adult, post apocalypse, and zombie genres.

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**Helena Sheibler says**

Quite simply excellent.

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**Lisa says**

Great book. I had read something from this author about a year and a half ago, and I really liked his writing style, so I slowly started collecting all of his books and figured I'd read them when I had 4 or 5 in the series. Finally, I started reading them a few days ago. What a great start and now I'm off to read The Secret Apocalypse, part one. Yeah, I'm glad I waited so I could read these books all at once! Yep, I'd recommend this book and author.

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**Netanella says**

First person narrative of young Kenji, a soft-hearted soldier who's redeployed from Afghanistan to Woomera, Australia, to contain an outbreak at the immigration center there. Despite being in the military, Kenji is not the typical alpha-male type you might find in most zombie fiction. Rather, Kenji spends his time thinking about his lost girlfriend Rebecca and wondering why he keeps being ordered to kill innocent civilians. Kenji's such a kind soul, his belief in the rightness of people such that it becomes a mortal liability. In this aspect, in the middle of an outbreak, Kenji seems a little soft-headed as well as soft-hearted.

I haven't read any of the other books in the series, so I'm intrigued to learn more about this interesting character, and in particular, the girlfriend who is apparently the main protagonist of the series.

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