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St. Matthews Details

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From Reader Review St. Matthews for online ebook

I DRM Free says

Contamination Zero is yet another Zombie like end of the world type book. No matter how many of these I read, I can't get enough of them. I love them.

T.W. Piperbrook appears to be an adept author at weaving a interesting story and keeping things lively and moving at a decent pace. I didn't notice any spelling or grammar issues throughout the short 90 pages (10 of them are a preview of Book 1 in the series).

Only one thing stuck out to me that didn't make sense and that was at the very end of the novella. I won't spoil it here, but you may catch it yourself when you get to that point.

Anyway, overall it was a very enjoyable quick read.

Charleigh says

actual rating - 3.5 stars

This was a pretty good prequel to the contamination series. I really loved the mystery surrounding the virus and the cryptic messages that we had a little taste of.

Quinn seemed like a really fun character and I'm looking forward to reading more about her in the coming books.

I love post apocalyptic fiction, but I do feel like it's hard to be original because there's so many of these books out there. From what I've read in this prequel, I think this series is going to be fun, and hopefully it will continue to be different from all the rest.

Hayley Vomund says

It took me a small little bit to get into it, but now I'm hooked. The story is great and the characters are easy to cling to. Great start to a series.

Marie Sieloff says

The series is like a combination of the stand and zombie movies.

Natasha Banton says

I thought this quite a good read. I felt sorry for Dan. I thought Howard was a good character until the further I read on to find out who he really was.

I felt sorry for Dan's daughter, Quinn. She went through so much, but I thought she felt vunderable to say she was only ten years old.

What Howard did was inexcusable and it made me want to join Dan to help him and his daughter.

Overall, I thought this was a really good read and I can't wait to find out what happens to Dan and Quinn next. I will definitely be reading the other books in the series.

Kristin (Blood,Sweat and Books) says

Contamination: St. Matthews takes you right to the onset of a mysterious Zombielike virus being unleashed on a small town. The story starts in a rural sheriff's office somewhere in the middle of Arizona. The town drunk Frank has been locked up again and the sole cop on duty Dan is left to deal with him.

From the moment Frank is introduced I knew he was a dead man walking and I was fine with that. Every good Zombie story needs a patient zero. However it's what happens after Frank is killed that the book takes an odd turn. Enter cop #2 Howard. At first I assumed Dan and Howard would end up together with a town overrun by newly turned Zombies. Nope, Dan instead goes home where he finds his wife in a near catatonic state clutching a knife. When his wife "turns" and attacks him Dan calls on Howard to help. From that point on I felt like I was reading a completely separate book. Howard it turns out is a sleeper agent whose perfectly OK with murdering a town full of people. Dan seems to lose his backbone and spends way to long trying to reason with his wife. He's a cop, why he never busted out the cuffs to try and restrain her is beyond me. Then you have Dan's daughter running around and constantly finding herself in run ins with the turned townsfolk.

To be quite honest the book was a hot mess. Had it been established some conspiracy was brewing from the onset Howard's personality turn wouldn't have felt so jarring. The way it happened felt instead like a cheesy plot device to give the book a bad guy. I also had no emotional attachment to Dan's daughter. She seemed like a brat and by the end I was rooting for her demise. Sadly, that was not to be.

Overall, I can see the potential in Contamination but I'm not sure if potential is enough to make me want to continue with this series. That being said, I will be rating Contamination by T.W. Piperbrook ★★★.

Sally Little says

It was very gory. Too much violence.

Adam Windsor says

This prequel to the Contamination series might have more impact if you'd read some of the other books first, but as a first introduction it doesn't really work all that well. The characters are thin, and the plot's basically just "the first night of the zombie outbreak" routine that should be very familiar by now. Nothing distinctive or innovative, no hook that made me say "oh, that's interesting".

Not enough meat here to tempt me to take another bite at the series.

Christy says

This book is more of a short story and a prequel to the events that will happen in the next books. I prefer my books to be feature length, rather than the snippets that some Kindle books are broken into these days, but I accept that perhaps in the competitive world of self-publishing, these smaller portions are necessary, so I haven't allowed that to affect my rating. It is packaged into the boxset of books 0-3 (4 volumes), so I'll be picking that up now to get the full story.

It took me about 30 minutes to read Contamination Zero, but it was an enjoyable thirty minutes full of action, with a good hint at a conspiracy and mystery to come in the next books. It set up the scene well, with police officer Dan having to deal with a town that has fallen prey to a fast-spreading disease that turns the populace into mindless "shadows". It has its own twist on things as these aren't typical zombies, and the book makes it obvious early on that there is a greater plot in play.

The writing is pretty simple and plain and it seemed a little stilted and confusing in the first few pages, but it flowed easier towards the end. The plot is compelling and the characters easy to empathise with so far - so I'm enjoying it a lot, and looking forward to the next volume.

SherwoodDemon says

An interesting idea, but bad writing dragged the rating way down.

Seriously. It's like awkward middle school writing. You know, those crappy stories or fanfiction we all used to write because we all were so full of ourselves and fancied ourselves great writers.

Lol. That's how this reads. To many !!!!, No character development, few descriptions and even less world building.

I get that it was a prequel novella in a free Kindle box set, but still. I always hope for a little more. ?

Still.

The idea of someone planning a zombie apocalypse seemed interesting, so I may continue on with at least books 1-3. I did get em for free after all.

Maybe they get better?

These are definitely back up books though. For when I have nothing else with me to read. Not as something I'm super invested in.

Recommended for people looking for a quick, mindless zombie book to beef up their reading challenge.

Jill James says

Great intro to the series. Love the characters.

Chris Lira says

This is a short prequel to a series so the author has a limited amount of oagex with which to work here. Even so, this is like a shoot-em-up action movie that has lots of gunfire and explosions but not much else. You watch it, then never think about it again. Good characters make good movies and good books, and so far, this is just a boring action movie. I hope it gets better. I have read a few zompoc/post-apoc series like this where the character development is just lacking. The opposite of that is Sarah Lyons Geling, who writes awesome characters that just happen to be caught up in a zombie apocalypse. Hopefully this author will find his voice in the next book.

Sheena (biblio.boppity.books) says

Not bad so far. Not the greatest writing at times, and there's an excessive use of exclamation marks, but overall not bad and intriguing. Interested in seeing what happens next.

-RadioactiveBookworm- says

Amazon Synopsis:

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My Review:

Dan the police officer's main focus in his life is his wife and daughter, Julie and Quinn. His usually quiet small town police work has little to no crime, no more than hauling drunks into the drunk tank, until one night on his way home after a shift, his fellow police officer calls to tell him the usual town drunk has died in his cell. Once he gets there he realized that not only is Frank dead, but Howard, the other cop, has a chunk

missing out of his arm, from the prisoner. That's when things start really going south. The book changes viewpoints frequently, and although I don't usually like that, it really helped move the story along. Super short, only about 140 pages, it kept me on the edge of my seat waiting for what was going to happen next. I'm glad I read this and I definitely want to know what happens next. Check out this book if you like action packed zombie books.

Thanks for reading! Check out this review and more at my blog.

(Radioactivebookreviews.wordpress.com)

Ziggy Nixon says

Found Book 0 for free and read this 90-ish page novella* to see if investing in the Book 0-3 box set was going to be worth it (not that it's that expensive either). Nice little novella to get the interest peaked. Standard zombie fare, kind of reminds me of the style you might find if 'Welcome to Zombieland' were a book but with less Woody Harrelson so far. Will be interesting to see who the bad guys are. So yeah, let's do this!

*trying to keep this off my Reading Challenge list, let's see if skipping the date finished (12.06.18) does the trick (otherwise I'll just add a book to my total, no worries).
