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From the decks of U.S. Navy carriers patrolling the Mediterranean to Fort Benning, Georgia, and the dusty sands of the Turkish-Syrian border, this new suspense thriller runs side by side with the phenomenal series that has sold more than 50 million copies. New characters and situations are added to those from the already explosive Left Behind series to raise the tension to a fever pitch. With technical accuracy from the same people who create best-selling military thrillers, this new series will satisfy the fans of the original Left Behind series who are looking for more.

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Carrie Milkanic says

The military side of left behind. If you like airplanes, helicopters and munitions described in detail, you will love this book. That aspect, for me, kept it from being a 4 star rating. I am NID (not into details.). As a bible believing Christian, this book is accurate. For that reason, I enjoyed this work of fiction. If it does nothing more than cause non-believers to get out a bible and read Daniel, Ezekiel and Revelation....than it has done an excellent thing. God promises that His word won't return void.

Missy says

Will continue the series.

Micah Weatherl says

Fast paced, personal, entertaining, and God focused! This book is the first book of the Left Behind Apocalypse books and starts out in the middle of a war. There is plenty of action that keeps the reader in suspense, and we also see the personal lives of the characters. Goose (one of the main character's nick name) and his step son are the main characters. His son lives on a military base with his mother and step brother. He grows rebellious because of his jealousy. He thinks that his step dad loves his actual son more. But, as both plots continue, Goose in the heat of battle and his son at home, the rapture happens! The whole world is in chaos. Tension keeps rising throughout the book. Although I have only read the first one, I would recommend reading this series! It is a hard book to put down. :)

Cathy says

It's a religious book. You will be abandoned or punished if you don't believe... That's exact the reason I don't like this kind of religions---by threatening.

Jerry says

Despite being an avid reader of Christian fiction, I am not a fan of the *Left Behind* series. I tried reading it, and it became unbearable by the sixth book. However, I had read Mel Odom's spinoff books some years ago, and really enjoyed them; when I saw some of them at a local used bookstore, I thought I'd reread it...and I enjoyed this one **much** more than the original novels. The writing is better, and the story is rather gripping. Fans of "end times" fiction should definitely check these out, even if they didn't care for the original Jenkins/LaHaye books.

Ed says

"Apocalypse Dawn", the first book in the "Left Behind: Apocalypse" series, is a (mostly) wartime military thriller that takes a different look at the end-times troubles, as portrayed in the "Left Behind" series (by LaHaye and Jenkins). It mixes a LOT of military war machine details (vocabulary, acronyms, weapons, etc.) with the sudden unexplainable (to most people) disappearances which signal the Rapture and the beginning of the End Times Tribulations period.

First Sergeant "Goose" Gander certainly believes in God, just not as strongly as he might, and he is as thunderstruck by the disappearances as everyone else -- until he starts to realize that a lot of his men (and the rest of the world) were "Raptured". This viewpoint is definitely not shared by his commanding officer, causing friction between them.

His wife (Megan), 17-year-old stepson (Joey), and 5-year-old son (Chris) are dealing with their own problems back in Georgia in a side story told in chunks that keep interrupting the main story. (I did finally figure out how to deal with this somewhat irritating "book within a book" series of viewpoint changes; I ended up reading the two stories separately and contiguously as if they'd been written that way.)

Anyway, a pretty interesting book. 4 stars.

Kristy says

Well...I love the Left Behind series, but this was just NOT nowhere near up to that standard, despite the fact that it's got the Left Behind name plastered on its cover. It was extremely difficult to read, the description of the weapons were too detailed for anyone not in military to even grasp, and the reactions of the people seemed off. There were only two scenes that I genuinely liked: 1) when Meg is trying to save Gary Fletcher from falling off the roof and he falls anyway but the rapture happens at the same time, so only his clothes fall to the ground. 2) the battle Chaplain Harte had in the bathroom with the thing with scales.

Joe Oaster says

I loved the left behind series and felt this was a reasonable addition to this. It has new characters but from a different perspective. I will finish this series

Mike says

"Apocalypse Dawn", written by Mel Odom, is a great take off on the Left Behind Series. Odom takes another approach, whereas he follows a second set of characters in the form of a military family, "The Ganders", during the Tribulation. Goose is in Turkey during an unprovoked attack by Siria on Turkey. The millions of disappearances all over the world, leave all remaining with doubt and wonder, as to what really happened. This purely fictional accounting is a wonderful work of imagination and who knows, it may be

just like the story says at the End Times.

For anyone reading this series, it may actually push the unsaved into coming to Christ and accepting Him as their Savior. I pray that it will help those to come to Christ.

As the story begins, Goose Gander as stated earlier is on the front lines of an undeclared war, while his wife and children are back in the states dealing with their own situations. Megan is a counselor dealing with a troubled young man, and her son Joey is dealing with his own feelings. Chris his younger brother is one of the missing. This is a must read Christian book. Thanks too Mel Odom.

Peter Brimacombe says

The characters were great Goose, Megan his wife and their two sons Joey (17) and Chris (maybe 4). I like the technical details of weapons and military jargon. Goose is on the Turkish border with Syria when war breaks out. The premise is totally believable. I liked Megan's struggle as a councillor on a military base (Fort Benning, Georgia), very believable.

Chapter 13, people start to disappear. Goose's fellow soldier Bill just disappears.

Chapter 15, Megan had been councilling a young boy Gerry. He just disappears.

The premise that God simply calls people and they disappear is not satisfying. Catholics (like me) believe that the Virgin Mary was assumed into heaven. Bodily. So you could say that the premise of the book is simply an extension of my existing belief but I don't believe it. I think God's work on this Earth is more mysterious than that.

I need to keep recycling my books. I'm taking this to Value Village

Terry says

Great book, it makes you think, I better have my house in order. He coming!

Steve Curril says

This book is a companion , of sorts to the "Left Behind" series. Nicholas Carpathia has just been made president of Romania,(Antichrist in left behind), as we look at a military viewpoint of the coming Armageddon, through the eyes of Sargeant "Goose" Gander. Eschatology is not he same as "Left Behind", as the rapture occurs after the world has become involved in a worldwide war. Part of a series, this book is a good read, and can stand on its own, with or without "Left Behind". It was a free Kindle edition. I enjoyed it but was not interested enough to now buy the rest. If you like military stories, and are a fan of "Left Behind", you might want to read this series.

Timothy Dooley says**Decent**

I found this in my library and didn't have another book to read. I will continue reading the series. I think they have potential to be good. I like that the author followed the original series with a new storyline.

Al says

Awesome on so many levels. Adventure. Human struggle. Faith growth. I couldnotstop reading once I actually got started.

Jodi VanMeter says

I was really interested in reading this as it was a spin off of The Left Behind series.... This book was very well written, but I think it is written more for a man.... I honestly say I didn't finish it... The story line is good but it was just way to technical for me and moved very slow. I lost interest quickly and found 12 chapters in I was skipping parts and had to make myself read it. I hate hate hate not finishing a book but I was so bored. I give the actual writing a 4 and if it wasn't so bogged down with explaining every thing down to detail I would have enjoyed it more. Sorry to say I won't read the rest of the series. I am going to try the other spin off by Neesa Hart and hope they are better!
