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Doesn't it seem as if someone issues a new apocalypse prediction every week? Y2K? The Mayan apocalypse? The Rapture? Doesn't it seem endless? As opposed to the traditional trend of post-apocalyptic literature, *Apocalypse All the Time* is post-post-apocalypticism.

Marshall is sick of the apocalypse happening on a weekly (if not daily) basis. Life is constantly in peril, continually disrupted, but nothing significant ever happens. The emergency is always handled. Always. Marshall wants out; he wants it all to stop...one way or another. *Apocalypse All the Time* explores humanity's fascination with the end times and what impact such a fascination has on the way we live our lives.

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books are love says

I didn't think David Atkinson could beat his quirky style in Not Quite so Stories but boy was I wrong. His quirky writing style with the light humour and satire is excellent for the topic of our obsession with an Apocalypse and oh so fun. This way of writing keeps you in the book. His humour is so entertaining and makes this a great read.

Here we have Marshall going through Apocalypse after Apocalypse to the point where he gets tired of it all. He reminiscences about different Apocalypse events and we see just how absurd they can be. We see also how people respond and are affected. It's hysterical. My favorite Apocalypse are the lizards that become humongous. During one Apocalypse (power apocalypse) Marshall meets a woman (Bonnie) and our adventure truly begins. The idea of a Apocalypse Amelioration Agency is so out there it is awesome. They are the ones who fix the Apocalypse and make it safe again. Each Apocalypse gets more outrageous and show us just how crazy it can be and how absurd and wild people can get.

Bonnie is like Marshall in that she is sick of these Apocalypse events. Now suddenly they are trying to do something and their actions are a hoot. From protesting to dressing up we see these two adorable characters try to make a change. Suddenly things change for them and we see them get a choice. And what a choice it is.

The main characters are genuine and funny. The book quirky, entertaining and insightful into what people think and go through but oh so funny. Each Apocalypse becomes more absurd and entertaining in nature. There is no drama or angst in this book. Just two people tired of the situation and wanting a change. Two people who go about trying to change and get a choice in the end. I loved how Marshall meets her and they come together. Love the planning and all they do to try to make a change. This is a thoroughly quirky, highly entertaining and humourous book with absurdly funny moments. A book you just sit back and enjoy without a care in the world to the very end

Bailey Riddle says

This book was absolutely hilarious. Imagine what life would be like if the world as we know it was always on the brink of ending. That's exactly what this book does. I think what I found most humorous about this book was that the people who Marshall encounters never seem to keep a level head about the frequent apocalypses. One would think that with the world almost ending on a practically daily basis, it would lose its novelty and people would stop freaking out all of the time, but that simply isn't the case. Marshall's inner thoughts on these peoples' actions are pure gold.

This was so different from any apocalypse/dystopian book I have ever read. This book makes fun of human's constant fear that *something* will end the world, and it is absolutely wonderful. I found myself constantly laughing while reading Apocalypse All the Time and it was such a fast, fun read. Apocalypse All the Time is quirky and funny, and an absolute must-read if you love dystopian fiction.

Kevin Michaels says

Quirky and entertaining, *Apocalypse All The Time* paints a vivid picture of a world gone weird and one man's daily struggle to manage while life crumbles around him on a regular basis. David Atkinson explores the impact an allure with apocalypticism can have on the way we live our lives and the effect it has on us. It is an absurdly funny exploration of society's fascination with the end of the world and the trend of endless apocalypse predictions. An excellent read!

Lynai says

3.5 stars.

What if the world does come to a point where the “apocalypse” happen regularly?

<http://lynaireads.luigiandlynai.net/2...>

Ben says

Read it. And blurbed it, yo.

"I cannot decide if *Apocalypse All the Time* is Groundhog's Day for the seriously cracked or *The Day After* for the absurdist lit set. What I do know, is that while David S. Atkinson may very well be deranged, his work is funny and weird and wholly touching. I also know that we are all the better for having it in our lives."

Joseph Hirsch says

Mr. Atkinson's new novel combines absurdism, science fiction, and sly commentary on our current neuroses induced by the twenty-four news cycle, to create something reminiscent of Orwell, Kafka, and Swift, while being entirely its own animal. By turns funny, maddening, and genuinely insightful, it's one of the most imaginatively weird and original books I've read in a while. Prepare for the apocalypse(s), lizard men, nuclear winter, and last but not least, Malcolm, some combination of eye-in-the-sky/Oz who orchestrates one catastrophe after another while the hapless commoners below have no choice but to scramble from crisis to crisis, struggling (along with the reader) to find out what it all means. That I'm still sorting out the book's meaning myself speaks volumes about its original and mysterious nature. Recommended.

Arthur Graham says

APOC-APOCALYPSE!!!

What do you do when it seems there's a new **apocalypse all the time**, another one coming every day, week,

or month?

You get used to them, that's what! Picking up the pieces and moving forward, knowing that another end to life-as-you-know-it is probably right around the corner. But you learn to maintain. Most of the time, life goes on pretty much as it had before, and if it doesn't, it isn't long before mankind inevitably settles back into its customary ways.

It might get boring, though, the world ending all the time and what not. Might sort of start to feel a bit pointless after a while... But what can you do about it?

The author might have some ideas.

Atkinson has a knack for following even the most improbable of situations to their logical limits, all the while retaining at least some shred of plausibility. I was continually surprised by the unexpected places this book managed to take me, and would highly recommend it to anyone else in the mood for a dryly humorous, mildly absurd, deadpan take on the never-ending end(s) of the world.

Kathleen says

Normally I ignore the usual "The world is going to end!" predictions. They have been happening all my life from the time I expected to be vaporized by the Russians every time I "ducked and covered" under my desk during bomb drills as a child knowing we lived near Offutt Air Force Base and everyone knew from the videos played that all of us in Omaha were toast if they were ever hit by a nuclear bomb. Then it was one apocalypse coming after another-each crazier and sillier, causing one to ignore and laugh them off-Heaven's Gate with the Comet Hale to Y2K and on and on. Lately though with the recent political changes in the White House I personally have started to get a little nervous myself about the future fate of the world. David's book came out at a perfect time. I love the combination of David's unique humor and insights into life that he brings to his writing and this book is an excellent example of this. I loved reading it and especially loved being surprised by the ending. I highly recommend it. :)

Douglas Cronk says

Reminiscent of Philip K. Dick, but with more humor.

Janice Lee says

Loved this book! Had the honor of writing a blurb for it:

"Apocalypse All the Time holds utterly true to its title. This is a world where apocalypses are not singular impending events but habitual, regular, ordinary, even mere annoyances. Indeed, the narrator ruminates, "An apocalypse wasn't a significant event if it was apocalypse all the time." This is a funny, clever, and entirely endearing book, a hilarious take on the existential status of existing as a human in a post-post apocalyptic world, but it's also heartbreakingly real and honest. Magnifying back to the real world in which the

apocalypse has probably already happened, it is within the pages of these book that we learn to find love in spite of disintegration and ruin, we learn to become in spite of uncertainty, and we learn to live in spite of the hope for death."

Ahn Mur says

A humorous reminder that context is key. A kind of thought experiment rolled out into an entire novel.

Bryce Allen says

This novel is funny & entertaining and most of all imaginative. The high-level concept of constant apocalypses is deftly navigated with insight, satire and well-written dialog galore - definitely a fun book & worth checking out!

~ Rose ~ ?Desert Rose~ says

See my full review & blog post on Desert Rose Reviews!

The world is going to end!

We hear this phrase so often, most of us simply roll our eyes when we encounter it. No apocalypse has ever come to pass, and many people doubt, for the most part, that one will any time soon. Or worse, we fear one will, and our lives are tormented on a daily basis, by our own minds. Granted, wars and fighting happen regularly, but realistically, there are never major apocalyptic events. Some see this as a good thing, others a frustration.

Ugh, another apocalypse...

What if that was the common phrase, instead? What if the rolling eyes happened at the occurrence of yet another apocalypse, instead of the unfulfilled threats? Life sure would be different then, that's for sure.

This novel explores just that - the reality that could be, if we lived in a world of regular apocalyptic events happening, as if it's natural. Complete with an agency put in place to handle each event, and return the world to normal, as if it hadn't happened at all. Simply an inconvenience, instead of a source of fear.

I loved the humorous nature the author took with this novel. His subtle hints at our modern world peppered the alternate reality created to test our philosophical resolve. It made me think, and showed me the reality of following our addiction to paranoia through to the end. What would happen if our paranoia wasn't false? Would it make anything better? Is it worth the energy we spend being afraid of events that never unfold?

If you're looking for a good way to help your mind re-think this topic, I would definitely give this novel a

try. It is weird, but in the best way. Its uniqueness may just give you a new outlook on life.

*I was given a complimentary copy of this book, from the author, to read in exchange for an honest review.

Eirik Gumeny says

APOCALYPSE ALL THE TIME is a wandering journey to armageddon, again and again and again. There's a decidedly Kafkaesque bent to the story, and Marshall at times feels like a post-apocalyptic Hamlet. To be, or not to be - that IS the question: Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the floods and fires of a daily doomsday or to take arms against the Apocalypse Amelioration Agency and end them. Ay, there's the rub. And one heck of a book.

Lisa DeWaard says

This is a book unlike any I've ever read before. It's more than just your typical end of the world apocalypse story. It's the apocalypse happening weekly. In any and every way possible. There is an agency set up to deal with them because they are happening so regularly. The main character Marshall is sick and tired of the constant turmoil. This story is wonderful. It's funny and insightful and holds your interest until the very end, which is a surprise in itself. I loved this original story and how easily it flowed and kept my attention. I highly recommend it to people who enjoy science fiction and end of days type books, or for anyone who just enjoys a good story with funny twists and turns. Great quirky story.
