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A long awaited sisters vacation hits a slight bump in the road when a series of tremors instantly cause the cancellation of all flights. Believing the airport is not the safest place, Lacey and her sister hurry from the terminal and board a crowded tram.

Then it happens.

No one knows why, how or what occurs. Cities are decimated, oceans rise and people drop dead from the cataclysmic event. The world becomes a dark place on a fast track to the next ice age.

Lacey somehow survives and finds herself in a city of rubble. Unaware that it was a global event, she treks from the destruction in an attempt to find help.

Along the way she meets Madison. Both women are far from home and together they embark on a mission to find their families thousands of miles away.

The country is in chaos and is fast becoming uninhabitable.

It is a race against the clock as the world grows colder and more dangerous by the day. Lacey and Madison vow not to give up until they know what has happened to those they love.

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Stace says

3.5

Kimberlie says

Another fascinating post apocalyptic story.

I cannot get enough of Jacqueline Druga, I am so glad I have so many more of her books to read, no two are the same.

The story begins with Lacey, who is in a desperate position. I'm a bit claustrophobic so it immediately got my heart pounding. On top of being trapped, how terrifying it would be to believe, even if only for a short time, that you were the last living human within hundreds of miles, and possibly on earth. To know that everyone else is dead and there is no help coming.

Running into Madison gives her hope, and together they make their way across a country that has been annihilated by an unknown source to try to find their families. This is a strong and compelling story, with more than a bit of sadness, but worth every minute.

Willow Brooks says

A Must Read Story. It's So Realistic & Heartfelt!

I cannot put into words how beautiful, sad, hopeful, and amazing this story is. It is 12:08 A.M. and I'm chocked up by this amazing tale of loss and love during an apocalypse that killed so many. Although the earth was covered in Ash, this is not your ordinary apocalypse story. You'll have to learn how and the reason for the massive death and destruction of the people by reading the book.

This book is about survival but not in the way that we're used to. This is not an every man for himself kind of read. In this book you actually get to see the good side of mankind during a horrible situation.

This story follows the journey of the of a woman named, Lacey. Every portion of this story has a purpose. It's a mystery that unfolds. The timing, pacing, and events in this book all have a purpose and it's all bittersweet in the most real way. I feel like I got to know and see into tge heart and mind of each character. Even the minor characters have a large impact on the twist and turns in this invigorating tell.

I went through so many emotions during this read. I'd be optimistic alongside the characters. I felt every disappointment when plans didn't turn out the way people hoped. I was excited and happy when things did come together and turn out. I was afraid and shared a few tears at times, and then I was cheering and smiling with satisfaction at other times.

I know I've recommended several books to my friends lately, but I'm putting this one above almost all the rest. This is definitely one of the best and most realistic survival apocalypse story I've read in 2016.

If you're wondering if there is any parts of this book that I didn't like, the answer was yes, but as I stated before, everything in this story has a reason behind it, and the reasons are not the dumb kind that make you roll your eyes a million times like I usually do. I only rolled my eyes a few times when the main character couldn't get the answers she asked for at the beginning. Yes, people die in this book but it's not like the other books where the die for no good reason. It's an apocalypse and everyone can't make it. I wasn't even mad because it made sense and it helped the story along.

I especially recommend this book to Nikki and Halo.

Kathy DeWees says

A sad but heartwarming story...

Another great story, with a very unique end-of-the-world story line. Good characters that I grew to love and care about, it was hard to put this story down. Jacqueline Drug's has become my favorite author!

Betty Tucker says

This is a good one

Compelling story. I hated to put it down. The characters were well developed and interesting. I think one of the worst things that could happen would be to be far from home when disaster struck. I empathized with the women who were driven to find home and family. I wonder if I would be have the courage to survive and struggle to get home. Thanks for the great story.

Kathy says

Another great read!!

I have read quite a few of this author's books. I loved the storyline of this one. Can't say a lot about it, spoilers, but I cried some reading this. I became attached to the characters and losses brought the water works. It was cathartic. Grab this book. Enjoy!

Markus W says

[the ending. The whole tying everything together by insanely unrealistic coincidences was really really bad. That could have been written much much better or, frankly, left out all together. There was a perfect spot

where the book could have ended, just when Madison sets out to find Lacey's family. (hide spoiler)]

Jason Laseman says

This is a beautiful story!

Don't interpret this to mean that it's all rainbows, hearts, and flowers; this is a dark story that deals with the emotional pain of loss. But it also has a powerful and uplifting emotional component. It's beautifully written and I was hooked from the start.

Ms. Druga is rapidly becoming one of my favorite authors. I've probably read 50-60 books this year *and this is hands-down the best one of the bunch!* I would highly recommend this book.

R L says

Oh my... LOVED this book!

This author is a favorite of mine. Her books NEVER disappoint. And I believe this particular book is one of her best. In my opinion. I enjoy reading anything and most everything in this genre and Jacqueline writes the heck out of it. Kicks its butt and throws some heart into it. Excellent reading. It begins with a woman trapped in a tram car and lead me through every range of emotions I have throughout the story. The ending took my breath away. If you've never read any of Jacqueline Druga's books, this is a good place to start.

Matthew Crosby says

It had a lot of promise but didn't quite deliver

The book started strong, especially since it was unclear what had happened. However, it started to drag as they traversed across the U.S. Then suddenly the book wrapped up really quickly, too quickly. It felt odd as a reader.

Spring Melodie says

Best book iv e read in years

I was hooked page one... A clean cut story of friendship, loss and survival. A story line all its own , I'm 70 and read many books a month. This I will never forget, I just can say enough about these two young women and their journey..

Jo Kay says

Realistic

Couldn't put this down. Will definitely look for more of her books. I felt like I lived through all the things that happened. The spirit and courage of the women was amazingly inspiring. Needs to be a movie or tv series!

Vicki Armstrong says

Good read

I was really impressed with this book. I did find some typos but it didn't stop me from reading it in one sitting. There seemed to be so much story and emotion squeezed into this book. The storyline was realistic. Don't pass this one by.

Margaret Weber says

Great book!

So satisfying to read a dystopian novel that had great characters and a interesting plot. And thank you, Jacqueline, for finishing the story. So many of these books I read and with a cliffhanger so you have to buy another book! So irritating!

Sarah Crawford says

Lacey is leaving an airport when something happens. When she wakes up she finds the tramcar she was in has been severely damaged and her sister is dead. Lacey is married and so was her sister. Lacey wants to get back to her family and find out if they are all right.

She's in California at the time but what happened seems far worse than the San Andreas fault acting up. She finally escapes from the car and begins to make her way home but soon finds dead bodies all over, but they don't have bullet holes or any other obvious cause of death.

Over time she meets a woman named Madison and a 92-year-old woman in a hospital named Ruth. The plan is to find cars that are usable (no EMP) and make their way to their homes. They will have to deal with the military, an ever-decreasing temperature with snow, various military camps, continuing earthquakes, families that may have survived and remained at home or survived and heading for safety or died.

It's definitely a happy ending for everyone.

The book is extremely good. I do have a question, though, about whether or not other countries would accept refugees from the U.S. It would definitely be a strain on their economies. One of the disaster movies I saw had Mexico blocking any refugees for a while. There's also a question about whether or not other countries, if they were capable, might consider attacking what's left of the United States and taking it for themselves as it seems the vast majority of Americans are dead.

