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Lost World, the fourth book in the *Broken World* series, continues following a group of survivors after a super-virus has destroyed the world and the dead have come back to claim it as their own...

With their shelter destroyed and their sense of security shattered, Vivian, Axl and the group set off in search of a safe place. But the group's morale is at an all-time low, and they now know it's not just the dead they have to fear. Weeks of wandering brings sickness, death and loss to the survivors, and Vivian soon finds herself losing hope of ever discovering a safe place to live. To make matters worse, two members of the group go missing, leaving the others to wonder not only what happened to them, but if they will ever see their friends alive again.

After what happened in Vegas, Hadley feels like a stranger in her own body. When she and Jon get separated from the rest of the group, she finds herself confronted not only with the scars left behind by her ordeal, but facing the possibility of a new beginning with Jon at her side.

In a twist of fate, Vivian and Axl stumble upon a place that could be the group's salvation, only to have hope slip through their fingers once again when they are met with the most devastating blow yet...

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From Reader Review Lost World for online ebook

Jacqueline's Reads says

4.25 Snowy Mountain stars

Lost World is book 4 in the Broken World Series. First off, let's go over the two things I love about this one. We get Hadley's POV!!!! And now everyone is in the Mountains. So it's not just the zombies, but the cold and lack of food everyone has to be worried about.

I'm so glad that the setting has changed because I always wondered what would happen during cold temperatures. I admit I watch the TV zombie shows like Walking Dead and Z Nation, but I never seen how zombies interact during winter.

So, Lost World was very different and refreshing in my opinion. I would say everything has shifted after Mad World. Everyone is a bit colder, harder and especially Hadley. Lost World still has plenty of Vivian and Axl, but I was super interested in Hadley's POV and her relationship with Jon now.

The group is now making way to north, thinking the cold climate might give everyone a break from the zombies. It's pretty much true, but they never realized how difficult it could be to LIVE in cold climate especially when heat and food is hard to find.

I love romance and I love that there is this awkward relationship between Hadley and Jon. Even though Jon is the person to blame for Hadley's rape, she doesn't blame him for it, but she does hold major grudges and takes it out on Jon. I feel for Hadley completely and I understood her actions and emotions. I just wanted to tell her to be brave and keep on trucking!

I love love love Jon. I know everyone has flaws, but he really does try hard to redeem himself, he basically follows Hadley like a puppy and is willing to do ANYTHING to protect her even if she treats him badly.

The second half of the book kind of shifts and I'm okay with that. It creates a little tension and adds different elements to the book, I just hope it's the WHOLE focus of the book or the next book. I guess we just have to wait and see.

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Laura says

3.5 Stars

I liked the fact that this book contained dual points of view and two different settings because it kept things from getting bogged down too much. That being said, I would rather the additional point of view come from someone other than Hadley. To me, her thought processes were just so similar to Vivian that if not for the fact that they were in two different locations for most of the book it would have gotten boring. If it were up to me, I would have liked the additional point of view to have been Parvarti's or Sophia's or even Angus. Or maybe especially Angus. That might be fun to read.

I think the change in scenery since the previous book was also was helpful because the action scenes were kind of getting similar to all the others, although not sure how much variation you can give to zombie killing. But it seems the group was quite often getting caught by surprise and almost overrun. If Vivian is in the group she will likely trip and fall and lose her gun - if she remembers it in the first place that is. This scenario got kind of old so it was kind of a nice change that they ended up somewhere cold with snow. They still get overrun. Vivian seems to still have trouble holding onto her gun but there are frozen-type zombie attacks rather than the extra mushy variety and they seem to be moving slower so it's a little bit different to read about. The focus of this book is more about how to survive the winter without freezing or starving to death.

Netanella says

The fourth installment in Mary's post-apoc series "Broken World", "Lost World" loses steam towards the middle of the book as the main characters stumble around a hostile environment and fumble towards a purpose. Hadley and Jon are separated from the main group for most of the story, and Vivianne and Axl continue to deal with the constant supply needs of a large group. This time the story is told from Vivianne and Hadley's perspectives, with no male voice.

I was tempted to skim in some areas, but didn't. I hope the next book picks up the pace - the surprise twist at the end with Angus may yield an interesting plotline.

Jay says

Oh my gawd ANGUS!!!

TG KMT | QUESTL♥VE says

4 that-lil-spark-of-hope stars
Me when I finished this..

Seriously.

Wow. So much going on, i didn't want this to end!

That Angus part though..

Then...

Holy...

That ending though..

I NEED BOOK 5 NOOOOOW!!!

Heather says

finished this series in a week and now i have to wait. good zombie book series. great writing and a great cast of characters

Lorrie says

I fall more in love with this series with each book I read. I love Axl and Vivian. Towards the end, my heart about stopped with what happened! Looking so forward to reading book five to find out what's in store for these characters - Ginny and Jon, Axl and Vivian and the rest of their group.

Terry Tyler says

4.2 stars ~ a bit better than 4 stars but not quite 4.5!

So many of the reviews for this series say that Kate Mary has borrowed much from The Walking Dead that I won't point out all the similarities; I thought at first that we had a guest appearance of Tyrion Lannister from Game of Thrones, too, aka Brady, the educated, articulate dwarf who can beat a man twice his size with verbal arrows, but he didn't turn out to be him after all, about which I was pleased! But is Hope Springs as sinister as whatever-The-Governor's-community-was-called? We will have to wait until Book 5 to find out!

Something the less positive reviews have failed to point out, though, is that there is a hell of a lot in this series that isn't TWD. Daryl Dixon might be Ms Mary's ideal, but Axl in the Broken World series is very much his own man. There are plenty of characters and situations that are the author's own invention, and very good they are too. The love stuff isn't over the top in any of the books and the (very occasional) sexy bits aren't smut-for-the-sake-of-it, they're just real. These books are not about zombies, they're about people. And people fall in love, get jealous, feel insecure, argue - and do sex. Vivian and Axl's relationship is too believable, too down to earth, for a moonlit kiss fading to asterisks!

I was disappointed not to have chapters from Axl's POV in this one, as in Book 3, but Hadley's story was a good diversion from the main one, and her 'voice' very different from Vivian's. I enjoyed this book very much, and the scene at the end when we nearly lost a main character is terrific, so well done, the best I've read in these books so far. The dialogue is great, the characters clear and easily identifiable, all the way through.

The Broken World series is not great literature, it's popular, easy read fiction, but that requires as much

storytelling talent as any other sort, and Kate Mary has this in spades.

Recommended for any fellow lovers of this genre, and I can't wait to read New World when it comes out in the summer!

Carol (StarAngel's Reviews) Allen says

****4.25 Anguslicious Stars****

OMG OMG OMG

Where is book 5???

Don't you just love when you find a series that you can't put down? Well, this is one of them for me but the sad part is ----- now I have to wait for the next book! :-(

I do have to add though, that by the time I got to the near end...I was ready to stop ---- I got so pissed off at Ms. Mary for something that happens...but I will stop there!

Cynthia (Bingeing On Books) says

Loved this installment. There was a lot of action and we got inside Hadley's head a little bit, which I loved. There was more death and heartbreak and it was so suspenseful. I waited for the entire book for Hadley and Jon to be reunited with Vivian and Axl again. The ending was super dramatic and intense, but parts of it irked me too. The writer had Vivian pick a stupid fight with Axl about something that was pretty ridiculous and the writer did that at the worst time, just to cause some unneeded drama at a bad time. But the ending was still pretty great and and I am looking forward to the next book in the series.

I do want to say that the repetitiveness of the pursed and puckered lips is REALLY starting to get on my nerves. Can we stop that please??

Fathima says

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Brittany says

[I KNEWWWWWW Hadley had tried something with Axel! I knew it! That was being set up from the 1st book. Her commenting on how hot he was over and over made me uneasy. I just wish he would have told Vivian... (hide spoiler)]

Book Junky Girls says

4.5

Hope is a fickle thing and after everything they have been through they have very little of it left, but what else is there to do besides try and survive?

Vivian has found herself throughout these long weeks and has become a stronger person than she ever thought she was. She suffered the loss of her daughter, but she has found Axl and a family with the survivors in her group. But everyone is worn out weeks on the road has been rough on everyone and they are suffering more each day. They need a place to stay, but with hordes everywhere can they ever find a place to settle down?

Hadley went through something terrible in Vegas and is only now coming to grips with everything. She thought she had it under control, but time has made things harder to accept not easier. She is tough and fierce in her own way but she also just wants to be cared for. And when she and Jon get split from the group they will have to figure out how to be around each other without being awkward and figure out if there is more there than quick hookups.

Time is moving on and you see just how hard things are for everyone, but you also see their continued determination to survive and new and inventive ways of doing things you might not have thought about before. I love seeing the ups this group has and feel every down as though I'm right there with them and that is what makes this a truly great read!

Leah says

I love this series, so damn much. Probably one of the best zombie apoc series I've ever got my hands on.

The characters are so perfectly imperfect, that you can't help but love the creativity and complexity of them.

This story is quite a bit like the others... people die, zombies are assholes, their luck sucks terribly. There's tons of action, and TONS of new developments with the characters. Plus, you get POV change from Hadley and GINNY.

Great new characters, new setting, new problems, new love, new loss... all of it. It's splendid.

Nicole Hewitt says

4.5/5 Stars

This review and many more can be found on my blog: [Feed Your Fiction Addiction](#)

Lost World is the fourth installment in the *Broken World* Series, but trust me, the series isn't losing any

steam. Once again, this book kept me riveted, madly turning the pages until I (sadly) got to the end.

In this installment, the gang finds a new safe haven of sorts – but if you’ve been reading these books you’ll know that nothing is truly safe in the world that Mary has created. With the threat of winter looming over them, the group needs to find real shelter and supplies. When Hadley and Jon get separated from the group, circumstances get even more complicated!

What I LOVED:

Hadley and Jon.

In this one, we get part of the book from Hadley’s perspective so that we can see her journey with Jon. At first, I wasn’t so keen on Hadley’s POV because she’s so bitter and negative – not that she doesn’t have the right to be after what happened to her in the last book, but it was a little hard to read at first. But as the book progresses we see Hadley’s journey toward healing and recreating herself. Turns out, I ended up loving her story!

Brady.

Brady is a new character who’s introduced and he’s (as per usual with Mary) a little different than your typical post-apocalyptic hero. I don’t even want to say what about him is different because it’s more fun to leave it as a surprise! But I will say that Brady is smart (and smart-alecky) and such a fun new character. I look forward to getting to know him even more in future books!

The ending.

Something happens at the end of the book that nearly undid me and led to a pretty major twist. I won’t say anything else, but I will say that I’m eagerly awaiting the next book to find out what happens next!

The negatives:

Separation from the group.

The only thing that bothered me just a little bit was the fact that when Hadley and Jon got separated from the group, no one made an effort to go back for them. I know that circumstances didn’t allow it right away (I won’t spoil why, but I will say that things got desperate for a while!), but I couldn’t understand why they wouldn’t have at least tried to go find them when they had a vehicle and the opportunity to. It just didn’t make sense to me because that’s not how this group operates – there have been plenty of times when Vivian and Axl have gotten in trouble and separated from the group and someone always comes for them. They just don’t abandon each other. Ever.

I think I say this every time I review one of these books, but I’ll say it again – if you’re an adult reader who enjoys zombie or post-apocalyptic books and you haven’t read this series, I don’t know what you’re waiting for. Whatever it is, stop waiting. Trust me, you won’t be sorry! Oh, and I just saw that there’s a book of short stories that just came out in July! I don’t read a lot of short stories, but for this series, I’ll make an exception. I just bought it and can’t wait to read it! I give *Lost World* 4.5/5 stars.

****Disclosure: This book was provided to me by the author in exchange for an honest review. No other compensation was given and all opinions are my own.****
