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Lauren Russell often wondered why her father had been so adamant about teaching her skills that most other fathers wouldn't even consider teaching their daughters. Ever since she was little, she had been taught how to live and survive outdoors, and how to use firearms to protect herself and those around her. Some of the training had been a bit extreme. Or had it been?

Many of her questions were answered the day the world as she knew it ended. Now, the skills she had been taught serve an essential purpose. They keep her and those she cares about alive.

Even in the sparsely-populated mountains of West Virginia, where she and her family have been forced to relocate for their safety after the collapse, peril lurks around every corner. Normal life has taken on a whole new meaning for Lauren, her family, and the community they have become a part of. In this different world, the new status quo is self-preservation. There is no more middle ground. People either live, or they die.

Lauren's father didn't make it home on the day the world changed forever, and she misses him more than anything. Now, in *What's Left of My World*, she and her family must learn to endure life's horrors—without him.

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Sum says

Boring

If you like reading well out prepper stories like myself then don't bother reading this. I don't require much about the original reason calamity strikes our heroes, sometimes less information is enough. Ordinary people trying to survive may just have confusion about what caused the catastrophe that forces them to survive. Once one of main characters meets a character from outside her community and starts falling for his explanations of big bad government it goes downhill. The characters were too one dimensional, not interesting, not really likable as a whole and the relationships between them extremely shallow. The preparation info is pretty much why I bothered giving it a 2 Star.

Chessy The Cat says

Lauren Russell isn't your typical young woman. Her father has seen that she was taught from a very young age the art of survival. Those skills will be put to the test after a catastrophe strikes forcing them to relocate without her dad into a remote valley in the mountains. Will they be enough to help keep her family and friends safe?

Rudolph's first novel in the What's Left of My World Series, What's Left of My World: A Story of a Family's Survival starts after the family has relocated. It's a bit slow and I had a hard time getting engaged in the story. The protagonist, Lauren is very intense. She has good instincts but sometimes she's impulsive.

The book has several flashback chapters which break up the flow and disrupts the storyline. As I've already started book two this seems to be the author's style of writing. While it is fairly well edited there were problems with the use of possessiveness.

Overall it is okay. Definitely not 5-star worthy though.

3 out of 5 stars.

Gena says

Normally I would like an apocalyptic story, especially one that can pull off a more realistic approach, you know, no zombies, but as much as I tried to get into this, I had a hard time. It seemed that the author wanted to do little more than push the importance of guns for the whole story. I'm all about some guns, but he takes away from the storyline, the character development and family relationships and focuses too much on having a gun and knowing how to shoot.

Beverly Laude says

This was a fairly interesting book, but I don't really like books that have flashbacks in them, especially when they seem contrived.

It is a story of a family's survival after "the collapse", which appears to be an EMP (but we never really find out). If you are bothered by talk of guns & ammo, you will not enjoy this book. The author seems obsessed with describing each & every gun that the characters have, usually in long detail. Also, there is a lot of profanity, which doesn't really add to the story at all.

The last chapter before the Epilogue is actually the best one. Very action packed & emotional.....Lauren finally seems to be a real person in this chapter.

The premise is a good one, but I have read other EMP survival books that are much better. Also, the Epilogue isn't really an epilogue at all....it's actually a prologue since it is describing what happened before the rest of the book.

I was given an Audible version of this book by the narrator & chose to review it.

Leisha says

3.5 stars. While it wasn't the best written book I've read and there are areas that could have been done differently, it's far from the worst. I found it to be an easy read it definitely kept me interested and I'm keen to get started on the next one.

RJ says

This is a compelling and emotional story of Lauren, a daughter growing up under the tutelage of her father. A father who prized self-reliance, strength and honor in people. A father who taught his daughter the ways of the forest, hunting, camping, hiking, and most importantly weapons and how to protect oneself. Her father knew the time would come when these skills would be needed and would save her life and the lives of their family. When the day came and the country began to crumble her father did not return home. Now it was up to her to put all her education and training to work, to step up and protect her family from those who would injure and steal from them. This is an excellent story, well-written with well-developed, likable characters. Kevin Pierce does a wonderful job as usual bringing everything together.

Vickii Bendit says

My first "dystopian" novel opened my eyes. Slowly I've come to the conclusion that the world portrayed in these novels isn't too off course, the way our world is devolving today. C.A. Rudolph's story is particularly realistic. I have since met people who could have stepped from his pages into real life. The plot slowly draws

you in, making you want to go out and stock up on beans and rice. The plot is believable, the human emotions are real, and I can only recommend this book! Enjoy it, read it; I'm off to buy more beans and rice!

Patricia Wilson says

A very good read from a, new to me, author.

This is my first read by this author. Although the story started out slow, as the author set the scene, it turned out to be a very enjoyable book. Not perfect, but very good and well worth reading. I recognize the author, C.A. Rudolph, knows much about prepping and survival skills. The way in which he sets the story is unusual and quite exciting. I've been reading "end of the world as we know it," apocalyptic books for several years. I was surprised to find this one different, in that it involves characters who are ultra prepared with supplies and weapons, plus the location being rural West Virginia. I've learned some "new to me" things to ponder. Thank you Mr. Rudolph, for this interesting book. I'm looking forward to the next one. Yes, I recommend this book for anyone who loves adventure, or those who are into prepping. As always, happy reading.

Mrs LIR Linda says

Good start

I liked this introduction, how the world as we know it ends is well depicted. Now for the next installment of Lauren and Maddie's stories.

Christine says

The beginning is a bit slow for my liking. It also has a bit of a crazed conspiracy feel at times, with things like how vaccines are actually culling the population and such. I almost put the book down at that point while rolling my eyes. If you stick it out, it gets better and almost has me considering to buy the second one. I kind of want to find out what happens to the family now and how they fully got where they are and what they are going to do about it. I don't know if I will though since it took almost a month to get through a novel that would generally take me maybe 3 days tops (1 if I didn't have other responsibilities!).

Emily says

No thanks!

Did a robot download a dictionary and write this shitty book? These terrible books give male writers a bad name. Go ahead and describe the gun in such detail, but never say what the people look like. Nice job. And when your attacked by a rapist with a machete and your daughter is about to be raped and killed, let's sternly give her a lecture involving no emotion or touching of any kind. And all the women in the story are just

follow commands and never show a wink of humanity.

I have finished some god awful books. But I just can not continue past %20 on this flaming bag of poop. %20 in and so far you the reader have no idea what causes the apocalypse! The only time I felt any emotion from this author, aside from his cold gun descriptions was discovering the beer. Zero feelings.

Ok so pushed myself to 60% and I can't push any further... there was more detail in the sadistic rape and torture scenes, which screams. Nope. No thanks.

if you enjoy all that, then this guy is for you!

Uncle Dave Avis says

The basic plot is good. Living in an isolated valley during a crisis and the challenges this family faces is quite interesting. There is a good bit of Needless cussing in the story. I know that some people are like that, however, that doesn't mean I want to read about it.

There are times when the author misuses the word "who and whom" and instead refers to people as "that." Basic grammar 101.

There are places where the conversation is just silly. There is an epilog that just doesn't belong anywhere.

Maggie says

Couldn't even finish the book. Not only is the writing pretty cheesy (for instance, the conversations are very unnatural and obviously were written to give us back story, not a realistic view of their dialogue), but I have never had to read so many pages of gun descriptions in my life. Not a page went by without a description of a gun. I skimmed ahead, and sure enough it seemed to only get worse.

This is the first post-apocalyptic novel that I've ever given up on.

E.A. Lake says

Listened to it on Audible. Real rating 3.5 stars. The epilogue saved it for me.

There's really nothing wrong with this novel or the reading of it. It's mostly believable and in some areas of the US, things would go down as the author has written.

That said, it's a book written by a prepper with other preppers in mind. And filled with a lot of prepping details. Too much for me and I love the genre. But, if you're a hardcore prepper you would be giving this 5 stars all day long.

Just a personal taste thing, I believe. But as I said, this is a fine novel fro the right audience.

Belinda says

4,25 stars - English ebook - I have dyslexia -

- our most basic instinct is not for survival but for family. Most of us would give our own life for the survival

of a family member, yet we lead our daily live too often as if we take our family for granted. - Paul Pearsall -
There was a colapse of the world, no electricity, all computers down, if you where not a prepper you and
your family had a big problem. Lauren kicks as in this book. She is trown into adult live at eighteen because
of a events. And the are big problems. Made me realize how blessed I am at the moment.

Surely would love to read the other two novels in this series:

This we will defend

We won't go quietly

- she need to know what was going on sooner than that. Something inside her told her that she needed to
investigate - ????
