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BATTLE IS BACK

He survived The Scourge, defeated The Cartel, and escaped The Dwellers. Now he wants revenge.

After a brutal attack on his homestead, Marcus Battle seeks to find the men who took away his second chance at life in a post-apocalyptic world. When he does, they'll wish they'd left him alone.

Rising Details

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Chessy The Cat says

Marcus Battle cannot seem to catch a break. Just when everything settles down and he can enjoy life, Wham! along comes some Murphy's Law to turn it all upside down. It's been five years since Battle returned to the homestead with Lola, Sawyer, and Penny. They have managed to survive and come together as a family without much interference until now. Three men changed Battle's world in a matter of minutes.

"Revenge is a dish best served cold." And, Marcus aims to serve it all three times.

The Dwellers came into power after the Cartel was defeated. Their reign did not last long and the former state of Texas is once again a lawless territory with competing gangs plaguing the innocent. Battle's moral compass, or what is left of it, will not let him pass up a chance to set things right for those he stumbles upon.

His search for revenge meets him up with the most unlikely companions. One tries to kill him and then becomes his constant sidekick. Another is on a similar quest as Marcus and joins them to exact his own retribution. The trio, while somewhat comical, are a deadly combination.

This is my favorite quote from the book: "If these people could shoot, I'd be dead three times over," he muttered. Not sure why, but I found this hilarious. What Battle said is so true in this situation. But, I digress.

Abrahams' fourth novel in The Traveler series, Rising, is fast-paced and gritty. True to the series' name, Marcus is always traveling. He cannot stay put no matter much he would like. The story is reminiscent of tales from the Wild West with vigilante justice and guns-a-blazing. There are no more hospitals to patch you up. You are more than likely to die from infection or bleed out from your wounds.

I am enjoying Battle's struggle to retain his humanity. He often goes into the darkest places of his mind. Then along comes someone he is drawn to because they remind him of happier times in his past, and he starts that long climb back towards his version of normalcy.

His story will continue.

5 out of 5 stars.

I received this book for free from the author for review consideration. This in no way affected my opinion of the book or the content of my review.

Sabrina says

After many requests from fans, Battle returns in this fourth installment of 'The Traveler Series'. He is finally beginning to feel like he has a home, a family, and a semblance of safety. But his path toward vengeance is always beckoning, always calling. Will Battle ever be able to turn away from the prize of destruction and the lure of revenge? Will he remain a solitary vigilante or can he find a life of purpose with others?

Outstanding writing and an excellent story. I'm so glad Marcus Battle is back. Incredibly well done!

Lana Bouillion says

A good man

Marcus Battle is a good man. Probably ,too good of a man. He has the ability, but there is something holding him back. Perhaps the loss of two families would do that to a man. But, in book 5, I think will find something about himself.

Barbara says

Another Great Book in The Series

Book four in The Traveler series is excellent. This book shows the pointlessness of revenge. The main character nearly loses his life to enact revenge on those who killed his family.

S Wood says

Good

Good too just like all the rest. Little harder to to put down than some of the leap others. Story kept going with a new place start to a new family and some friends to replace those who are gone.

Connie Nealy says

The Traveler

Follow the traveler after a virus wipes out three fourths of the human race. This is book 4 of the series and I read all in 3 day. Go back and start with the first book. What can I say? They are a must read!

Cherye Elliott says

Battle and Lou

Shades of The Wizard of Oz. What a unique way to tell a story. I love the references and Lou was a riot. This author has a unique writing style that makes him stand out above others.

George says

Book 4 in the series, another end of the world book. They are like the westerns I read when I was a kid, fast, easy, fairly mindless but very entertaining (kick-ass, ex-soldier/cop/special forces/super-duper tough guy with dead women/wives and lots of dead bad guys in his past and many more to come in the future). This one had lots of all of that. I enjoyed the momentum of the story but the development (or lack thereof) of the main character's emotional life seemed to fluctuate from book to book and he seemed stuck after awhile and that disappointed me for some reason. It's hard to rate these kind of books - I could rate it 2 stars or 4 stars. If I look at these titles (I read 4 of these in this series) in a few months and can't remember how I felt about them, I will lower my star rating). At least it wasn't another zombie apocalypse. I've read a bunch of those the last few years and they start to all run together in my mind. By the end of this book I felt like I had had enough.

Felicia A says

YAYYYYYY! Another editing project is now a published book!

RJ says

Our hero Marcus Battle gets no breaks in this life. Sorrow and tragedy follow him like a doting puppy. Losing his first family to the Scourge, he mourned the loss for five years as he fought and struggled to survive this new apocalyptic world. Amazingly, Battle was blessed with another family, which he rescued post-scourge. Throughout the next five years Battle strove to restore and rebuild what had been lost, but tragedy reared its ugly head and struck again. Once more Battle was a man without a family and without a home. Now he traveled the revenge road, searching for the men who took everything and left him for dead. This is a wonderful story and excellent furtherance of a great series. I look forward to the next installment "Battle" when Audible acquires it.

Susan says

The Best Yet!

Marcus Battle is back! From the shocking first chapter, through the drama packed story, to the very last page, I could not put this one down. I absolutely love Battles' new traveling companion. Also, Mr. Abrahams writing creates such an easy reading flow, it is easy and wonderful to get lost in the story. Don't miss this one!

*I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

dennis barron says

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Marcus Battle has survived countless battles. They all weigh heavily on him. His wife and son he lost to the plague. His second family to marauding murderers. Slave traders, drug dealers. Marcus was left for dead. He didn't die. Revenge is a powerful motivator. Along the way he meets Lou. A teenager without a family. She's also a hardened survivor. This is a story of bravery, trust, friendship.....New beginnings. A fabulous read! I highly recommend!!

Susan de Gracia says

A good series

A good post-apocalyptic series, good enough to want to keep reading the next books as they are released. The main character and thread of the plot can get a little tedious but it's still interesting enough to keep me reading the series.

Kolden Baehman says

Personal Response:

This book was very eventful and always had something going on. The characters were always faced with challenges, which kept me reading. The author did a good job making the whole story interesting and not letting it get dry.

Plot Summary:

Battle took in Sawyer and Lola as they were both homeless. They lived a good life on the farm and weren't bothered too much by people passing by. There was a group that showed up to the farm. They killed Lola and Sawyer and almost killed Battle. Battle stayed alive and wanted to get revenge on this group. Battle met Lou while they were in a standoff with each other. They traveled to a compound that held resources, such as gas. They traveled to the compound, because they wanted to kill Barbas. Barbas was the guy who killed Battle's family. Lou and Battle met a man named Rudy. Rudy wanted to kill a man who took his family. The same guy killed Battle's family. Rudy stayed behind with his wife, and agreed to let Lou borrow Fifty. There was only one more man to kill and his name was Cego. There was a shootout and Cego was killed. Marcus was shot but started to recover.

Characterization:

Battle changed a lot throughout the book. He started out itching for revenge, because his family was murdered. Throughout the book, he only saw hatred because of the murderers. He met Lou along the way and grew to be more understanding. He learned to be patient, because she was a teenager. Lou was very hostile in the beginning and only cared about her knives. She grew closer to Battle and looked at him like a friend. Battle was the father figure Lou didn't have.

Impacts of Setting:

The book started with Battle and his family on his property in Texas. The book took place in Texas within cities of: Abilene, Del Rio, and El Dorado. The story took place in the futuristic time period. They traveled to these places to kill the murderers who killed Battle's family. This was important to the story, because they

traveled to these places to find the killers.

Recommendation:

I really enjoyed this book and hope that the guys in my class read it! I recommend this book to people who like action and are over the age of 14. There is a lot of action and killing in this book, so girls might not like it. The word content is fairly simple, so people shouldn't have a hard time. I also recommend this book to people who like to read about dystopian books. I recommend this book to these people, because this book is about a world without government and it's about guns. I give this book a four out of five stars.

Maryjo English says

A Story That Will Play On All of Your Emotions

As the fourth in this series, this book does not falter at all from the rest of the books. I started reading this series at the recommendation of another of my favored authors and it hasn't disappointed throughout. I scoured through these four books and now have to wait for Book 5 to see how Battle will take the quieter existence.

I have to say, without giving away any spoilers, the beginning of the book is not at all what I expected and left me a little lost for the reasoning behind the authors shift in the story. But, it sets the stage for the rest of the book and the one to come. I enjoy the authors periodic kick of humor in those tense situations of the story and I believe fellow readers will enjoy Battles new sidekick.

Really looking forward to the next installment.
