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Surviving the journey is just the beginning.

The last two months have brought nothing but death and destruction for Emma Rossi. She survived the initial zombie outbreak with her husband, Jake, and their dog, Daphne, but the cost was steep: Sanibel has fallen.

In a world where the only constant is change, the group is pushed to their limits before reaching the gates of Asylum, a coastal stronghold in Sarasota, Florida.

Once again, Emma must navigate an apocalyptic wasteland filled with relentless hordes of the undead and other menacing horrors that threaten her survival.

Only thing is certain. No one is safe from what lurks on either side of Asylum's gates. Asylum may offer more than just safety.

Sanity will be tested; and many won't live to tell the tale.

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Lori says

Asylum's release date isn't until Dec. and I pity the readers that have to wait that long. Shana Festa's Time of Death series just keeps getting better. Funnier, more snarky, grosser, it's just all the things.

The first book establishes the characters, the end of the world, and all the awesome that is Daphne. The second book builds upon that, while introducing more and more dangers beyond the dead things walking.

Asylum is a full throttle ride that picks up right where we left off in Induction. If you liked Induction you'll definitely love Asylum.

I really wish I could say more about this book, but I'm super worried I'll spoil stuff and thangs, so I'll just say this, if you are a fan of zombie fiction pick up Time of Death!!!

Sharon Stevenson says

I received an ARC copy of this book for honest review. 'Time of Death: Asylum' is the continuation of Emma's story as she survives through a zombie apocalypse.

Finding a safe place to stay isn't easy when the streets are filled with the walking dead. Emma and her family find out about Asylum and decide to make their way there. Their journey is fraught with peril, but for this group there are still things to be grateful for so there are also lighter moments. The characters are amazing, realistic and easy to sympathise with. I loved the sense of humour and enjoyed the banter between the characters.

The story gets a bit darker towards the end of this book, with new threats to the group as they enter Asylum and realise who it's being run by. I found this book even more captivating than the first in the series, the horror hitting on deeper levels as there is now more than just zombies to worry about. The ending really took me by surprise and made me wish the next book was already out! I look forward to more from these amazing characters.

Overall this is an excellent continuation to a fantastic zombie apocalypse series. I highly recommend it to fans of the genre as well as to anyone who's never tried zombie books before. Can't wait for the next book!

Stevie Kopas says

After reading an ARC of this novel and then purchasing my very own copy, it's time to write a review to make sure others read this great work!

Time of Death Asylum is the sequel Shana Festa's readers deserved. After reading and thoroughly enjoying the adventures of Emma and the gang from book 1, Induction, the story continues with the introduction of new characters, new tragedies, and new dangers. Around every corner there are zombies waiting to bite your

face off and it's not only the zombies that our beloved characters need to be afraid of...it's the humanity that has been lost in the apocalypse. But don't worry, while Book 2 is definitely darker, the humor and snark from book 1 is evident throughout.

I would recommend this book to anyone who is a fan of fun zombie adventures!

Robert O donnell says

REALLY ENJOYED THIS BOOK IT WILL MAKE YOU LAUGH MAKE YOU CRY ACTION TERROR
WHAT MORE COULD YOU ASK FOR SHANA YOU HAVE DONE IT AGAIN MORE PLEASE AND
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

Pheebz says

Time of Death Asylum You find the Rossi family (Emma,Jake,Vinny,Meg and Daphne the Yorkshire Terrier)On a boat after the fall of Sanibel. Dealing with the loss of half their group from the last supply run.They see a flashing of light from a house in the distance as if a survivor is using a mirror to let them know there are at least one survivor up there.So the Rossi's devise a plan to meet up with the survivor. They hear of a safe haven Asylum in Sarasota.So they make their way there.Shana keeps you guessing, as to whom will die next from the many people they come across on their journey. When they arrive at the Asylum they must try to adjust to Asylums peculiar rules.Most of the people there are helpful and care about their fellow mans survival.But something is not quite right.There is an undertone of malice and evil.Who is actually running Asylum?

This book has terror,gore, gritty emotional torment,danger and decomposing corpses.The stress of the Rossi family's journey has caused stress between Emma and Jake,you can see the decline of their union, mental and emotional state as well.This book leaves you craving for the rest of the story and the hope that the next book will be coming out soon.

Shana, is a brilliant story tell.Her books are all intelligently written,they have it all, from an engaging and captivating story line to her description of the terrain and characters that depict the human condition so very well.The depth of her vision she shares with the reader, is rarely seen or experienced at such a high level.I love the unique elements that she brings to the table.The snarky banter between the characters,the humor at just the right moment,the quick wittedness of her characters ability to think on their feet and the flexibility they have to adapt to the situation at hand. Even though Emma Rossi is a strong lead,you also see a hint of her vulnerability and the depth of her soul and the pain and suffering there in.

BookLoversLife says

I loved book 1 of this and eagerly dived into it. I thought that the author couldn't top the first, but I was wrong!! She didn't just top it, she smashed it. This was amazing!!

Emma, Jake, his sister and brother all managed to survive the downfall of their safe haven but now they have to travel to the only known safe house, without falling to the zombies. Can they make it there alive and is the place all it's cracked up to be?

Emma is once again her plucky spunky self!! She is like a breath of fresh air amid a foul scent. She is the heart of the group and tries to keep them all together while keeping her sanity. Her bond with her dog is amazing and at times so funny! Daphne has such an awesome personality and it's so nice to have her in the book too.

Jake is falling farther into himself and at the loss of a certain character, he seems to turn a corner, though not for the better. My heart broke so much for him and Emma and I just wanted to hug both of them. She is trying to stay strong for him but she also won't put up with his s**t either. I loved that about her!!

The Asylum seems to be a wonderful place from the outside but when the gang gets there, they see it for what it is! I loved the fact that the author created a safe haven but added a twist to it also.

There is a lot of new characters in this one but, in true Shana Festa style, there's a lot of death too! She sure knows how to make you love a character only to rip your heart out half way through the book!! She is an evil genius ;)

Anyway, Asylum was fantastic. It's hard to find a good story thrown into a zombie book, but Shana Festa has managed it. She makes you become invested with the characters and world and has you turning the pages as quick as you can to see what happens next. I flew through this and now I'm kind of sorry I did, because I need book 3, like yesterday. This is an author to watch because her writing is amazing. While reading (well listening) to the book, I had so many feels, at times I was gasping, at times crying and at others I was shouting NOOOOO! If an author can manage to make you feel all that and more during a book, then you are guaranteed a winner!

In all a phenomenal second book and one I know I will read time and time again. I can not wait for the next installment, though I may need time to get over book 2 first. My heart can't handle much more ;)

I listened to the audio and once again, Sarah Tancer does an amazing job. She has Emmas personality down and knows when to give her all!! Highly recommend.

Seregil of Rhiminee says

Originally published at Risingshadow.

Shana Festa's Time of Death: Asylum is a sequel to Time of Death: Induction, which was published earlier this year. It's a well written, fast-paced, action-packed and entertaining zombie novel that offers plenty of gritty and emotional entertainment to zombie fans.

In my opinion zombie fiction is good and harmless entertainment, because it offers great light entertainment to horror readers (who could possibly resist reading about the malicious, dangerous and decomposing corpses that crave for human flesh?). I don't normally read much zombie fiction, but I do enjoy reading well written zombie entertainment, because every once in a while it's relaxing to read different kind of horror novels. I liked this novel very much, because it was good entertainment and an excellent sequel to Time of Death: Induction.

I think that Shana Festa's fans will be pleased to find out that Time of Death: Asylum is as good a novel as Time of Death: Induction. In my opinion this novel is actually a bit better than the previous novel, because the author has developed certain things further. The author seems to write out of love for storytelling and is

enthusiastic about keeping up a brisk pace.

If there are any readers out there who wonder if this novel can be read as a standalone novel, I can mention that it can probably be read as a standalone novel, but you probably won't understand certain things and happenings well unless you're familiar with the previous novel.

Here's a bit of information about the story without spoilers:

- This novel begins with a brief introduction to past happenings, because the story picks up right where the first novel left off. Emma Rossi has survived the fall of Sanibel, but victory came with a heavy price. She has lost many people and her life has changed permanently, and she can't help thinking about the past.

- Emma and her family (Jake, Meg, Vinny and Daphne the dog) continue their journey and try to survive in the hostile world that's full of zombies. Soon they find out that there's an asylum in Sarasota that can possibly be a safe place for people...

This is all I'll write about the story, because it wouldn't be fair to reveal more about the happenings. I'll only mention that this is the beginning of an action-packed and entertaining zombie novel.

One of the best things about this novel is that Shana Festa has added a humane and emotional level to her story that many other authors lack in their novels. By writing about Emma and her life (and - of course - her problems and stress), the author manages to make her readers care about Emma's fate. In the previous novel Emma had to leave her whole life behind and flee from the zombies that overtook the town. In this novel her fight against the zombies and battle for survival continues and the stakes are higher now, because the world has become a dangerous place and it's difficult to trust other people and survivors (a wrong move could get you killed).

Emma is an interesting and well-created character. She was a nursing student, but now she is a survivor of zombie apocalypse. She has lost nearly everybody she cared about and she has had to adapt to a new world where you have to be prepared to fight for your life and where you have to plan your moves carefully in order to survive. The speed of the happenings surprised her, because everything spiraled out of control very fast and her world changed from a nearly perfect world to a threatening world full of zombies.

It's interesting how easily and fluently Shana Festa writes about Emma's nursing skills. The author's own experiences as a nurse have clearly been a source of inspiration to her, because everything that's connected to nursing feels authentic and natural. She has a natural way of writing about Emma's skills and ability to interact with people.

I think it's great that Shana Festa writes about Emma's dog, the Yorkshire terrier Daphne. Daphne has become an important part of Emma's family and Emma loves her dog very much. There aren't many zombie novels in which the authors write about dogs in this kind of a way, so this is something different and adds originality to the story.

It's also great how easily the author writes about character interaction and how well she has created certain characters. The dialogues between the characters feel surprisingly believable. There are a few conflicts and tensions between the characters, but the author handles them well and manages to surprise her readers with a few scenes.

The author isn't easy on her characters, because the characters have to deal with many things from losing

people to surviving among the zombies. This is great, because it adds realism to the storyline. It's especially good that the author doesn't sugarcoat anything.

In this novel readers get to see what happens between Emma and Jake. I'm not going to reveal what happens, but I'll briefly mention that the situation is interesting.

When the characters reached Asylum, the happenings reminded me a bit of the happenings that I've seen in a couple of films and in *The Walking Dead*. It's possible that this may bother a few readers, but in my opinion the author handles these happenings well and kept the story interesting.

The descriptions about the zombies and their actions are as threatening, nasty and gritty as possible, which is good. In my opinion zombie novels aren't zombie novels unless you have this kind of descriptions about zombies in them.

It's nice that Shana Festa has also been able to add a bit of humour to the story, because it lightens the atmosphere at certain points and makes the story flow better. It's great that she doesn't overdo this, but manages to keep everything under control. For example, the scene in which the characters name their weapons contains delightful humour.

Although *Time of Death: Asylum* is a zombie novel that stays true to its roots that lie in zombie fiction and zombie films, it's a surprisingly original and well written novel that differs nicely from other similar novels. When I read this novel, I got the impression that Shana Festa is capable of using popular zombie elements and clichés to her advantage. She clearly wants to entertain her readers with a good and action-packed story, because she writes her own kind of fast-paced zombie fiction and pays homage to classic zombie films and stories.

If you're a zombie fan, *Time of Death: Asylum* is a must-read novel. It has all the necessary ingredients needed to entertain and thrill zombie fans. If you're a newcomer to the zombie genre, this novel and its predecessor will offer quite a lot of entertainment to you, so you couldn't find a better way to acquaint yourself with this genre.

Good, well written and addictive zombie entertainment!

Frank Errington says

Review copy

Relative newcomer, Shana Festa, is back with book two in her zombie series. *Time of Death: Asylum* picks up right where *Time of Death: Induction* left off. BTW, if you haven't read the first book, get it right away. It's one of the best works of zombie fiction to come along in some time and book two is just as good.

Time of Death: Asylum begins with a synopsis of book one, just in case you have short term memory issues, like me. Then we continue following the four surviving members of the Rossi family, husband and wife, Jake and Emma, Jake's brother Vinny, and their sister, Meg. In addition, Emma's little dog, Daphne is back as the group struggles to survive in the weeks and months following the zombie apocalypse.

The author is incredibly adept at mixing the highs and lows of surviving in the new world. It's not easy,

loved ones are lost and relationships suffer.

"Try as I might, I just couldn't stop my brain from working overtime. It kept analyzing our current circumstances. We'd started that morning with eight, and now we ended it with four. We'd watched half our group die in the course of a single day. The worst part, besides the obvious loss of people we cared about, was that we had to kill them with our own hands. What does it say about the world when murdering your loved one is the only acceptable option."

Then, there's the all important question of figuring out who to trust among survivor's you meet along the way.

Take the people at the Asylum, after a family vote, the Rossi's decide to take a chance with a larger group of survivors. What they find there is a level of security, but at what price.

Time of Death: Asylum has everything the zombie reader could want; realism, a story which rings true given the subject matter, an episodic storyline, pathos, a touch of humor, and one hell of a cliff-hanger.

I'm already looking forward to book three.

BTW, kudos to Christian Bentulan for the outstanding cover.

Time of Death: Asylum is available now from all major e-book retailers and is published by Permuted Press who have the great tag line "Enjoy the Apocalypse."

If you love zombies, you don't want to miss Time of Death: Asylum.

C.T. Phipps says

I've mentioned what a big fan I am of Shana Festa's signature series. Time of Death: Induction was exactly the sort of breath of fresh-air I needed after a series of increasingly dreary and grim zombie novels. Horrible stories of survival and trauma are fine, don't get me wrong, but it seemed like that's all anyone was doing.

Time of Death is more or less the Southern Vampire Mysteries of zombies, following protagonist Emma Rossi as she meets the apocalypse with a can-do chipper attitude. This is contrasted to her husband, who is unable to process how his wife is able to remain so calm and upbeat in the face of the world's end.

The premise of the books is Sanibel Island, the refuge from the previous books, has fallen. Our heroine, her husband, her brother-in-law, and sister-in-law all pile together in a boat to flee. Searching for fellow survivors in Florida, they hear rumors of a potential location called "Asylum." Meeting an oddball cast of characters, they eventually arrive and try to deal with their new-found home's peculiar rules.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to realize Asylum isn't going to end up all it's cracked up to be. Shana Festa's avoids the common pitfalls of zombie fiction writers, however, by avoiding making them overtly evil. The majority of people in Asylum are helpful, friendly, and interested in saving their fellow humans.

There's something evil going on, of course, but finding out what and who is involved is a mystery. This is a nice contrast to The Walking Dead's Woodbury or Terminus where it seems everyone is a willing slave to

the Governor or a cannibal. The fact the survivors include many decent folk also prevents an easy solution like opening the gates to the undead. No, our heroine must convince her fellow survivors of what she finds or run the risk of being tossed out into the wilderness.

What's interesting is the majority of the book takes place away from asylum, wandering around the ruins of Florida. While other series would play on the horror of a now-empty city, this book takes time to show the upsides of the apocalypse. Admit it: if you were looking for shelter in the zombie apocalypse, you'd probably go for the biggest, fanciest, and most well-equipped mansion you could.

The fact some locations have working electricity and plumbing hint at larger survivors than we're used to in these situations to (or just some houses are "really" well equipped). This adds a nice little bit of social satire which has been missing from the genre since the Dead movies. The social satire is subtle, but it's there. All of the money in the world can't protect you against a real disaster and people want comfort, even in the face of oblivion.

The writing is sharp, the scary scenes are scary, and the funny scenes are funny. There's a surprising number of well-written characters in this book with all of them able to stand out as individuals before the inevitable grasping hand of death kills them off. Despite being a lighter and softer series, Time of Death still has a large number of casualties. I can't tell who is going to live and who is going to die, either, which is new for me. It's also the only zombie series I know to have a cute dog! What's not to love?

In conclusion, this is an awesome sequel to an equally good book. I hope Shana Festa can keep up the pace. If there's one flaw, it's the fact the book doesn't really so much end as peter out. The book has a cliffhanger and I hate those. Still, I'd be wrong in giving this anything less than a 10 out of 10.

Ash †Reviews of a FearStreetZombie† says

I received this book in return for an honest review.

runs fangirling all around the house

Asylum alone just sounds creepy to me, so of course before I even started reading it, I was on the verge of panic. Hey, zombies I can take... Asylums? ... not so much. *shudders*

Anywho. love that it picks up from where past one leaves off and even does a bit of a recap for those who had to wait for this second book to come out. Everything is so different and so much more intense in this book. I can't tell you how many times I had a "I can't breathe! I forgot how to breathe! It hurts to even try! How do I breathe!?! " moments.

The one this I could truly rely on was the humor.

I want to take this moment to really thank Shana because her books and humor got me through these dark times I've been going through. When I thought I hit bottom, I would just pick this book up and laugh my ass off. I think any time I'm starting to feel sad or depressed I'll just reread these books.

(Thank you so much Shana! You're the best!)

I fully recommend this book, just make sure everyone is awake when you read it because your fangirl moments would probably wake the whole household.

I'm making the next part with spoiler because while some are mini spoilers, some are big ones, and some are just you could put 2 and 2 together and figure out what happened, so read with caution.

(view spoiler)

My heart just kinda feels like it's shattered into a bazillion pieces and I'm just like

Emma sould just whoop Jake's ass

Anyway,

and Jake needs to get his shit together and I freakin hate Asylum. (PLACE! not the book, freakin love the book!)

Every time these high-falootin folks open their mouth I'm just like:

Now I have to wait for book three and I just want to curl into a ball and cry my eyes out. I want to know what happens! I have to know!!

I mean really. What will happen to everyone? and what is Striker's story? Will he ever come out of his shell? Will he join Emma and Jake's team? Will the Asylum fall?

Good gah! There are to many questions I need answered! I'm going to go insane.

Giles Batchelor says

I had the pleasure of reading an advance review copy of this book, and having enjoyed the first one in the series i had high hopes fro this sequel, they were met and exceeded.

This is a really good read, and i think it is better than the first book. You can feel the authors development alongside that of the characters and the environment in which they must survive. there is a good mix of horror, humour and realism, and as much as i can't stand yappy little dogs the antics of Daphne made me smile. there are some interesting new characters in this outing and i am curious as to how they will develop in the next installment.

Well worth a read.

Renee says

This is the second book in Shana Festa's time of Death zombie series. It picks up where book one left off, a couple of months after the first zombie outbreak. The main character, Emma, is on the run with her family, fighting for survival.

I really like Emma - she is upbeat and tries to stay positive in the face of the world falling apart, the horror she has seen and the gruesome things she has had to do. She can also be snarky, humorous and throw a tantrum. She is devoted to her dog, Daphne, and has so far managed to keep her safe too. Shana, if you're reading this, don't you dare kill off Daphne!

I was more emotionally drawn into this book, even getting choked up a bit over one of the character's deaths. If I can care that much about a character who wasn't even in the first book, then that says good writing to me. There were also moments where I actually laughed out loud.....Tuesday.

I received a copy of the audiobook from the author in exchange for an honest review. Sarah Tancer continued to do a great job narrating book 2.

Donna says

I loved this book so much!! The first in this series provided the back story, and I became attached to the characters. I read through Asylum and was on the edge of my seat terrified one of them would die. New and interesting characters were developed with some I love and some I love to hate. After the fall of government, many issues and emotions still exist in the US such as jealousy, greed, and racism as well age, sexual orientation, and intelligence discrimination. Just as life before the outbreak the existing political and military power is secretive, untrustworthy, and conspires with malice. At every turn, I experienced the same feelings as the characters and found myself happy, hopeful, angry, scared, confused, and disgusted! I enjoy a strong female lead, and Emma is tough and vulnerable as well sarcastic, and realistic in her responses to every ordeal. I still love Daphne but Emma is definitely my favorite character as well a new addition Jasper. I am already anxiously awaiting the next book!

Devan Sagliani says

Budding zompoc author Shana Festa picks up where she left off -- with Emma Rossi and her family on the run from the hellscape Florida has devolved into after the undead rise to eat the living. Together they battle their way through a never ending nightmare in search of someplace safe where they can catch their breath.

Festa brings a unique voice to the apocalypse, one filled with colloquial humor, biting snark, and laser sharp insight into human nature. Her characters leap off the page and into the readers imaginations and hearts, not the least of which is Daphne, Rossi's beloved dog. Festa effortlessly holds the reader captive with an engaging storyline that picks up pace right to the very last page and leaves them hungry for more. This is a must read for zombie fans old and young alike. I can't wait to see what she comes up with next!

M. Lewis says

I came across SHANA FESTA's work not long ago. So glad I did! I would not guess that she's a newer author based on her writing. Easy to read and near flawless. Her storyline is believable and her characters likable (well, the ones who are meant to be liked ha ha).

ASYLUM is the 2nd book in the Time of Death series. Just as good as book one.

Emma Rossi, along with her husband Jake and his brother and sister, continue to search for a safe place amidst a world overrun by the living dead. Some characters were lost (sniffle) and some new introduced. They make their way to ASYLUM, where not all is as it seems. FESTA's dead are gruesome, and some seem to be a bit different in book two (hmmm are some evolving a bit??). Little doggy Daphne remains with the group and is pleasant as ever.

Emma's husband becomes distant in this book, and mean to her. I found myself starting to really dislike him. Like...a lot. A new character was introduced in this book and I desperately want Emma to go find him in book three and hook up with him.

FESTA has done a lot of foreshadowing for book three. Not sure when she is releasing it, but it will be a long wait as I want it right now.

My only complaint about ASYLUM was that it ended. Sincerely, it's hard to find good zombie books. FESTA is a gem. Her writing is edgy, funny, gory.

I received an ARC copy of this book not in exchange for an honest review, but because I begged for it. Nonetheless, my review is honest and this book kicked ass.

-M. Lauryl Lewis, author of the Grace Series
