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Clayton Shepard is lost, cold, alone, and determined to find his way home.

But he's landed on a planet he doesn't recognize. Earth isn't the same place he left months earlier.

There is little light, no heat, and limited communication.

As he works to find his way back to his family, they cope with the struggles of a new reality and a quickly devolving society.

What none of them know is that the radioactive blast that plunged their lives into darkness was only the first one.

More is on the way.

Descent Details

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Todd Gers says

This was an enjoyable second book in what will be a multi-book series. I liked the story a lot, but it seems to now move in 4 separate story lines. It has moved away from the beginning premise of a cataclysmic trapped in space event. Now it is following a more typical world ending crisis storyline. I kind of liked the original premise of trapped in space because it was an seemingly original take on a somewhat formulaic storyline. Nevertheless, it is well written, I like the characters, it is apolitical and I look forward to the next book.

Kimberlee says

Eagerly awaiting 5/17

Sytse Algera says

Great read again

After the first book the thought of what happened to the characters was something I could not let go off and I had to read the second chapter in this series. This second book was just as good as the first and kept me hooked for hours. Looking forward to the third book now

Sabrina says

An exciting sequel to the first book!

Mr. Abrahams introduced us to Clayton Shephard in 'Spaceman' and his complex and arduous adventures to return to Earth after a cataclysmic CME. Now, Clayton is on terra firma in an unknown area. His wife and children are in Texas and have no way of knowing about his survival. As he attempts to find his way, his regrets about missing time with his family are becoming more oppressive. Can he find his way back to them? Are they safe? Has he failed as a father and protector to them? Will he even survive his current situation?.... And where is he now?

This story continues in a frantic pace and keeps the reader glued to the chair! Read in a single sitting, the book delves deep into the lives of the characters and teases with an underlying reason for the events that all will face. The collapse of the grid isn't permanent, but hardships arise immediately. Everyone must find their own will to survive what happened....and there's more to come.

A worthy sequel and an excellent story. I can't wait for more! And kudos to Mr. Abrahams for noting (within the book) some of my other favorites from author, Murray McDonald! Outstandingly well done!

Julianne Adams says

Can hardly wait for book # 3!!

This is such a great story!! Poor Cal! Crashing down from the ISS into Alberta, Canada and then having to cross a glacier, pulling his dead astronaut buddies behind him on make do sleds because he refused to just leave them...this is a good man. He just wants to get home to his family in Texas and is determined that nothing will stop him! His family is having their own set of problems with the lawlessness some parts of society has adopted. His wife and 2 children must find a way, along with some neighbors, to survive until Cal comes home to them. The story is a page turner and I highly recommend it!

Brett says

[lost (to the point of not knowing what continent he was on) and alone in a blizzard with the bodies of his two comrades (hide spoiler)]

Susan says

Another Great Read

Book 2 did not disappoint! The continuing experiences of the survivors are woven together brilliantly and are filled with drama, mystery, and suspense. I am eagerly awaiting the release of the next book in the series!

Tauseef Khan says

The slow burn continue but the unfolding evenrs leave you wanting to read on!

Ryan H says

This was a very good continuation and second book in the spaceman series. It picks up right where the first book left off and also introduces us to a few new characters while our mix of all the known characters struggle through this new world. The author continually pokes fun at Canada and it is really hilarious. I particularly liked the fact that part of the book actually takes place in Canada as well. I also really enjoyed our Canadian character and how he is portrayed. Some of the jokes had me laughing out loud. Like I said before you cannot help but route for our main character. He's very well-developed and sort of a badass. The differing points of view and locations of these points of view really give the book some flavour. It did not take me long to get through this one as I could not put it down. I listened to the audiobook version and the narration was very very good. It is the same narrator as the first book and he does an excellent job casting the female characters as well as the male characters. His speech, timing, and tone really help you to engage in what is going on in the book. My only complaint is I wish there was more! Cannot wait for the third installment to come out, hopefully very very soon. Ehhhhh!!

Nancy Phy says

Great stuff

The story continues to get better and better. I love the characters and how they work together for their survival.

Mark Donnelly says

Better than the first book...makes one wonder what might happen if the Carrington Event happened now.

Dan Dobler says

Loved it!

This still feels like a reasonable and yet unique scenario. The writing is great, the characters are fun and well developed, and the plot threads are very engaging.

Brian's Book Blog says

A perfectly woven post-apocalyptic tale

The first book in this series was my top audiobook of 2016. It just felt so much different than all of the other post-apocalyptic books I'd read (and I read a lot of them). The space aspect was a new one that I'd honestly never considered -- mostly because the reason for the apocalypse in other books relate to something happening on Earth caused by us. This wasn't your typical everyday run-of-the-mill EMP. It was a CME Coronal Mass Ejection that causes all of the power to go out.

After crash landing on Earth -- Clayton has to find out where he is and is instantly thrown into surviving. Clayton's wife and child are back home, also trying to adjust to this new way of living. The story flips between them and a few other characters. Some bad guys and some government people who are setting the stage for book 3.

I was really worried about this book because of how much I enjoyed the first one. I rarely ever get that tingly sensation from a book -- so Descent had a lot to live up to. I knew that Abrahams couldn't continue to write about space and Clayton's struggle aboard the failing ISS. So, with that in my head, I dove into this head first hoping not to smack my head on the bottom.

I didn't, and this book was just as enjoyable as the first one. The action has moved from space down to Earth, but Clayton is in an almost as inhospitable place as before and has to find his way to safety before he can even consider heading home.

Abrahams sprinkles a lot of different things in this book that if I were to list here would make it sound completely disjointed and unorganized -- but he makes it work. He was able to weave these separate stories into one cohesive unit, making *Descent* an enjoyable post-apocalyptic thriller.

PA fans will find a lot of elements that they are used to in this, and a few that they aren't (I think). Abrahams is one of the best writers in this genre, and I will continue to buy his post-apocalyptic stories if he continues to weave stories like this one.

The saddest part of my review is that I basically can't write any details about this book without spoiling things. There were a lot of parts that I wanted to bring up while writing this, and I knew it would either spoil the first story a little or definitely spoil some of the surprises in this one.

Overall, *Descent* wasn't jaw-dropping amazing like *SpaceMan*, but it weaves a great post-apocalyptic story that you'll be upset if you miss.

Ron Luyce says

Excellent book and series, highly recommended if you like the post-apocalyptic genre.

Brandon says

Not as good as the first one. I really enjoyed book 1. Doing the EMP story from the perspective of an astronaut nearly trapped on the ISS was pretty cool. Now that he's back down to Earth it's getting a little bland and very similar to countless other SHTF stories. The inclusion of the underground base beneath Denver International was a cool addition, though. I also liked how Abrahams included much of the real-life info about C.O.G. plans and the like. I'm hoping book 3 winds up being a little better with the way things were built up in the book. All-in-all, this one was almost more of a prelude to the next one than it's own great story.
