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From Reader Review Unexpected World for online ebook

Scott Swigart says

Boring, unrealistic, mediocre writing, campy, and chauvinistic. If you want to read a somewhat better EMP post apocalyptic series, I recommend "One Second After"

Erin says

Wow. Just wow. I love me some prepper fiction, and a good EMP tale is my sweet, sweet nectar. I finished this book, but mostly because it was so poorly written, it was actually humorous. I knew from the prologue, when within this course of a paragraph, the POV switched from gator to human within a paragraph, that this was going to be a gem of read. For awhile, my friend and I were putting sticky notes on all the most ridiculous phrases, ideas and clichés, but by page 60, it was just getting out of control. If you love prepper books and have no literary standards, this is the read for you. If you love prepper fiction and need a good laugh, this is the book for you. Other than that, steer clear.

Emily says

Eh...

I can not honestly believe so many ppl have five star reviews...

This book is not a smooth and easy read, where you just easily slip into the story. I like to be swept into a story, consumed in the world the author creates. To much time is spent describing guns, it reads like a jerky instruction manual, even tho the idea for the book is great! I expected more from the reviews I saw.... . None of the characters are very likable, and few descriptions are given.

Patiscynical says

Predictable

An EMP, (probably) causes power outage, plane crashes, no cell phones, etc. The hero states the EMP was caused by a nuke, but no one asks who attacked the U.S., which seems strange. And it could have been a solar flare, but that's not discussed.

Two attorney's, one a former medic with the military, the other a female who happens to own a ranch, are the main characters. They leave the city together, searching for the man's daughter, who was on a plane heading towards New Orleans, but the plane crashed in an alligator infested swamp.

The situations seemed contrived, the characters weren't believable, and the dialogue stilted.

What I found inexplicable was that after travelling so far, and coming so close to the crash site, when a survivor of the crash tells the hero his daughter is dead he just turns around and leaves! He never even

checks the crash site and you just know his daughter is still alive.

And it's a cliffhanger, too.

Results: since it's pretty obvious what's gonna happen, I don't see any need to continue. I expect the author will improve with practice.

Tacuazin says

Abandoned. This book is rubbing me the wrong way. I hate characters whining, and I especially hate authors who depict women whining... poor little things the men have to save and educate. Damsels in distress, apparently too stupid to get their act together in times of catastrophe. Thanks for the men around, and their guns, and their displays of testosterone, who need to come and save the day. Oh piss off.

Yep, the wrong way indeed, and I think I didn't cross the 15% mark.

Carolyn says

On Amazon, this book gets a 4 1/2 star average based on 787 reviews. I have no idea why!

I felt the writing was very adolescent. Everything was explained in detail! I feel like the author is insulting my intelligence! I know what a rock looks like (okay, that's a stretch but you get the idea). Just about every chapter ends with a foreshadowing sentence which I also found very annoying. The characters were very stereotypical (gun slinging man with nicely dressed woman who needs taken care of). There were many things that were so ridiculous - the main female character has a wound that is so bad "it squirts blood every time her heart beats" but yet she has the energy to have hot, wild sex???? I struggled to get to the end - I will NOT be reading others!

Lori says

Great start to a series. I really enjoyed this story. It pulls you in from the start and doesn't let go until the end. It was an entertaining, well written, interesting, engaging and enjoyable story. Definitely worth your time.

You never know where you will be when a disaster hits and your world changes.

When SHTF your child is hundreds of miles from home. What lengths would you go to in order to find your child. If your Dillon Stockdale you'll will do anything in your power to find your child.

Cassie Stockdale survived when plane she was on crashed. Has no idea where exactly she is or which direction to go in an effort to get help and eventually home. With little to no supplies, what's your next move?

The story does end in a cliffhanger. Fortunately the second book in the series is already available on Audible.

Kevin Pierce does a fantastic job with the narration. Great character voices. Clearly spoken. The narration flows smoothly at a nice even pace. He just has one of those voices that makes the characters and story come

to life. I save his books for my road trips, listening to a story he narrates make me look forward to my weekly 9 hour trip.

I was voluntarily provided this review copy audiobook by the author, narrator or publisher.

Sondra says

Great EMP thriller from new Indie author Chris Pike. 4.5 stars.

I appreciate how he sticks more to the human aspects of an EMP fallout rather than overloading a reader with the science of it. The pace is great. I didn't want to put the book down. It is also well edited-- sometimes an indie book is littered with errors I didn't notice more than one.

An EMP is a real threat and it's about time more stories are being written showing how quickly society will break down. As an animal lover, the dog as a character is a great extra bonus. The second book is already out and I'm anxious to start it.

Chessy The Cat says

Dillon Stockdale, Assistant District Attorney in Houston, has his world flipped upside down when an EMP strikes the USA. As vehicles come to a stop and lights and phones no longer work he realizes that his daughter's plane has probably crashed in the swampy area just inside of Louisiana. Finding her is all he can focus upon. Once committed to the search will he be able to even find the crash site in the Atchafalaya Basin? First, though, he must get home.

Pike's first novel in The EMP Survivor Series, Unexpected World: A Post Apocalyptic/Dystopian Survival Fiction Series, the love of a father knows no bounds when trying to find his lost daughter. Dillon is a soulful character and most of the time stuck in a pity party. He is not being noble in his search for his daughter. No, instead, he is being reckless with his own life for a one in a million chance of finding her.

I'm happy to say that this book was well edited and proofread. Though the writing borders on being simplistic it is at a very fast pace with lots of action. There are a few scenes that were hard for me to believe. What I had the hardest time with was Buster being able to keep pace with the bicycles when he had been an indoor lump of a dog for two years.

And I really don't care for animals having a voice even if it's only in their head. That is a personal preference on my part and no way reflects the review.

Overall, it is a good book that tells a good story. I plan to read the entire series.

4 out of 5 stars.

Sara McBride says

This book was a piss poor representation of the genre. I thought it felt rushed and to be honest, I could care less about what happens to the characters.

If it wasn't Kindle Unlimited, I would be pretty unhappy right now.

Sarah Davies says

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This was a great story and I will definitely look for the next instalment, what a great idea how would people cope with no electricity at all, everything we do everyday would change, could you survive??

Will look forward to Dillion, Cassie and Coles future stories, well written and well rounded story that keeps you intrigued and I like the twist in the final chapter, even though you are still left with a cliffhanger.

Brian's Book Blog says

He'll do anything to get to his daughter

4.5 out of 5 stars

The entire US electrical grid is down from an expected EMP blast. No electronics work, cars die on the side of the road never to be started again, and planes come crashing out of the sky.

Honestly, the only reason that this loses half a star was the lack of an ending. The book just sort of finished. I write all the time about understanding an author wanting to continue a series, but you have to give the reader some sort of closure. I mean I guess there was a little here, but we didn't even get a final update from (I won't ruin anything) the other group before the book was just over.

You'd honestly never know that this is Pike's first novel. Everything he wrote felt real and plausible. From the environment to the characters, it was all really well thought out and explained. The people that were in

the book felt like they were picked directly from friends of Pike's. They just jumped off the page with realism.

The pacing of the book was good too, every time it felt like it was going too fast, it slowed down a little bit and allowed the reader to catch their breath.

Overall, an incredible first novel from Chris Pike... with a cliffhanger ending. I am happy to know that there is another book already ready and waiting for me. I just have to get it from Audible.

Claudia says

I really liked this book. It was a quick read, started and finished in one afternoon and evening. Throughout the story, Chris Pike emphasizes the need for being prepared, without becoming preachy. It is inherent in the story by contrasting the plight of those not prepared, with the main character (an assistant D.A.), who is. The main character has one goal, to find his daughter who was on her way to school in La. when the emp hit, downing her plane in a swamp in La., he's in Texas. He's anxious to find her, but doesn't even know if she's alive. We see the main character's preps in a natural way as he sorts through them, first getting what he needs to get home from his car, then at home when he selects what he can take with him to search for his daughter. In the chaos that follows the emp, he maintains his humanity and compassion, helping and protecting the defense attorney who was his rival in the case, and also helping others when he can. It has a steady pace, with some unexpected events, like the survival of a killer about to be sentenced when a downed plane drops out of the sky, severely damaging the courthouse and killing many. He becomes an important danger throughout the story. This is the first installment of a two part story. Can't wait to read the next one.

Sheila says

I love that the apocalyptic mayhem, most likely an Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP), though since we are only seeing things through the eyes of our main characters we don't really have CNN news reports to tell us exactly what happened, which I guess is how it would be in a real disaster like this with everyone trying to guess what happened, and some living in denial.

I have to give the book extra credit for having a loyal dog in the story, and the dog survives to the end of this book 1, which always makes me happy. I hate it when they gorily kill off the dog!

There are many things left hanging at the end of the book, so obviously this is going to be a series. Both the main character and his daughter (who was on a plane that crashed) are alive, but neither know anything about the other. Only we, the reader, are able to see both their stories.

Looking forward to see what happens with this one.

BookLoversLife says

Review to come.

