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Welcome to Monsterland, the scariest place on earth.

When world markets are decimated by a crippling plague, philanthropist, and billionaire businessman, Vincent Konrad decides to place monsters in a theme park setting to promote education and tolerance. Copper Valley is chosen as the primary site for the park in the United States.

Wyatt Baldwin, a high school senior is dying to go to the opening and when he lands special passes to the park, he and his friends are expecting the experience of a lifetime.

After all, in a theme park where real zombies, werewolves, and vampires are the main attractions, what could possibly go wrong?

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From Reader Review Monsterland for online ebook

Linda Marie Marsh says

HONEST? Not my so -called normal cuppa tea. But i love this guys writing, no matter WHAT he writes i will gobble it up no pun intended. Vampires, werewolves whatever may be in the storyline he makes it human, makes it real, makes it feelnormal?

Even tho it is not a long book, once again OKON's is well worth the time to read. Be Warned- I am no ninny but yes i did read....have to put it down....read some more...repeat.

Dianne says

I received an ARC edition from Michael Okon!

Will we ever get tired of the need for bigger, better, more shocking, or more terrifying entertainment when seeking our next theme park vacation? Back in the day, a small traveling circus was thrilling. Then larger, permanent entertainment venues sprouted. Disneyland, then Disney World, and on and on. Welcome to the greatest show on Earth, more thrills, more chills and more terrifying monsters than ever before! Welcome to Monsterland. Yessir, want to be chased by a real werewolf. Share a bloody good time with a vampire or maybe take a stroll among the zombies? Michael Okon has you covered in his dark fantasy, **MONSTERLAND**. For the cost of a ticket, you can enter a world of danger and gawk away. But could there be a hidden price to pay?

Would you turn down a chance to attend the grand opening? A group of teens are invited by the mysterious and eccentric owner, but little do they know this monster has more than a grand gesture in his plans. Witness the torment of teen angst as one boy crushes on the girl of his dreams and her boyfriend is the school jock. but, who does she lean on when things get scary? Meanwhile, there is something just not right about this freak show of things that go bump in the night.

Zombies, vampires and werewolves are on display. Yes, they are real, yes they can be deadly, but the true horror is in how they got there and how the public craves a peek...not to mention what they really see...and that waxen vampire mannequin? Go ahead touch him...and don't miss their concert, either!

Dark, dangerous and certainly gory, Michael Okon's tale is, from start to finish a complete word magnet as he builds each scene, colors in his characters in shades of everything from weird to naïve to downright deadly and sets them free tell their tale. Love 'em or hate 'em, Mr. Okon knows how to create atmosphere and build tension as he reels us in for that last moment, that last word and leaves us looking over our shoulders, jumping at strange sounds and wondering, could this really happen? Think I'll stick to the Merry-Go-Round and a visit to the princess' castle.

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Naturalbri (Bri Wignall) says

I absolutely adored this book! When I read the blurb, I knew I was going to enjoy it, but I definitely did not expect to be utterly blown away by the masterful storytelling of Okon.

The storyline was absolutely brilliant. Could it really happen? If we had these monsters in our lives, yes, I really do think we would go as far as to put them in cages and stare. Would things go wrong...OF COURSE!! This is the perfect tale of wanting to be the first in line to see the newest, biggest and best. To be the first ones to have bragging rights for being there on opening night. And to be the first ones to fall into the mix, as things start to go wrong.

The author had a brilliant way of introducing the characters to us. We got to know their backgrounds and a little bit about where they fit in to the mix, but ultimately the joy was getting to truly know them, as things started to hit the proverbial fan. Their true emotions and personalities started to shine and Okon was able to brilliantly bring to life a set of characters and monsters that created a story that I found highly addicting.

The pace was perfect, especially for the style of writing. It moved along smoothly and was made really enjoyable by the amount of detail added, but also the moments where we were thrown into things, as something wild happened. I loved the mix of story and utter chaos, all wrapped into one, as it made for a suspenseful and exciting read.

Overall, I absolutely adored this book. I loved the author's style, the overall storyline and the real way I felt completely connected to the story. I truly could not put this book down!

* I chose to provide my honest review.

Beth says

I was given this book for review

This was a quick read and I enjoyed it. I do not normally read horror type books but sometimes I like to switch things up. Dr Konrad has opened a theme park with vampires, zombies, and werewolves. He says it is in the name of science. While he is studying the creatures looking for a cure, he might as well let people view them and get some enjoyment. Now I know immediately that things will go horribly wrong at some point. Wyatt is a kid and he is trying to get used to his stepdad and he adores Dr. Konrad and thinks the doctor is just trying to help humanity. Wyatt is given VIP passes to opening night and could not be more excited. After Wyatt arrives he starts to feel that maybe this is not a good thing after all. "It's exploitation of people who are ill." I enjoyed this and the anticipation of knowing something bad was coming just not knowing when.

Sherry Fundin says

I was so excited to get my hands on Monsterland by Michael Okon. Jurassic Park step aside. You think

dinosaurs could do some damage, how about vampires, werewolves and zombies caged up and put on display?

The virus had changed the world and in The badlands of California, Copper Valley, to be precise, Vincent Konrad came to town, threw some money around and opened his park, using the plague ridden to attract tourist.

What could possible go wrong? LOL

Wyatt has a big heart. In times of trouble, he is one of those who will share what little they have. When he pays for a meal for what he thinks is a homeless man, he receives a special invite to Monsterland from Vincent Konrad himself.

I think we all know how deceiving charisma can be...so everyone should be very leery of Vincent. Does he have ulterior motives? Is there more going on than meets the eye?

Of course, we know something will go wrong. Just how wrong is the question.

Action and adventure, blood and gore, friends and enemies. So much more going on than I first suspected and it takes a turn that was a wonderful surprise as I always want the worst that can happen.

I voluntarily reviewed a free copy of Monsterland by Michael Okon.

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N.N. Light says

Jurassic Park meets The Walking Dead combine into a rollicking fun read!

Welcome to Monsterland... let's scare you to death.

I'm a big fan of all things that go bump in the night and Monsterland doesn't disappoint. Filled with classic horror creatures, strong characters and an alternative glimpse into society.

I liked the concept of a theme park where you could see and touch vampires, zombies and werewolves in captivity. A horror zoo, so to speak. I mean, what could go wrong? Everything!

While the plot is, at times predictable, the suspense is well-done. Michael Okon creates a realistic series through dramatic world-building any reader will enjoy while not overdoing it with gore.

Wyatt is a solid yet honest character, especially when you're dealing with your run-of-the-mill teenage angst. I didn't care for the bullying that took place but it's commonplace in literature nowadays.

A ghoulish good tale and I recommend it to any horror/paranormal fan!

Disclaimer: I received an ARC from the author in the hopes I'd review it.

My Rating: 4 stars

This review first appeared: <https://princessofthelight.wordpress.com>

Carol Suraci says

Zombies, werewolves, and vampires -- oh my! And what an amazing read! The story is fast-paced and fun, the action never-ending, and the characters engaging. I loved this book from beginning to end and can't wait for the sequel. Awesome job, Michael Okon!

Amanda says

I received an Advanced Reading Copy from the author.

Werewolves, vampires and zombies, oh my! But don't be misled, this is no Wizard of Oz. Monsterland is a far cry from the land of dreams that is Disneyland, and is much more comparable to the freak show of Ripley's Believe it or Not filled with horrors like Jurassic Park. Monsterland is a theme park filled with the creatures that plague your nightmares. The horror movie buff in me would absolutely love to have an all access pass to the theme park, so I was filled with delight when I was given the opportunity to read and review this novel.

With such a great concept my expectations were high as I jumped into this novel. Michael Okon does not disappoint, fulfilling my fantasies with great writing and multiple points of view. I found that aspect in particular to be great with this novel, because there are so many interesting perspectives to be seen within Monsterland.

The characters are each unique and entertaining. They have more dimension than most characters in horror movies, but not too much that the story gets bogged down with backgrounds. They make for the perfect cast to attend the disastrous opening night of Monsterland.

I found myself trying very hard to pace myself with reading this one. Honestly, my only real complaint is that it wasn't long enough! I loved this story and would have appreciated another hundred or two hundred pages. This is exactly the type of ride I like to be taken on, and I didn't want to get off.

Michael Okon crafts a fabulous novel with unique, unforgettable characters. I have a novella by him, A History Major, that I can't wait to dive into. He really has a gift for storytelling.

The world building was done fabulously. There were believable backgrounds that explain how it could be possible for there to be a world that had not only vampires, but also werewolves and zombies, excuse me, the vitality-challenged. It all comes together seamlessly as the plot lines converge to make for an explosive ending. As the first novel I have read by Michael Okon, I am impressed.

You can also find my reviews on my blog:

Cassandra says

My Thoughts - 5 out of 5 Unicorns - I loved it!!!

***Received a copy of the ebook for an honest review

The cover is what drew my attention to the book. So I read the blurb, I was intrigued.

This is my first time reading a book by this author. I do not believe this is a series. I was intrigued from the blurb even though I do not usually read horror. I guess to me this would be light horror because I'd definitely read something like this again. I'm not one who likes to be scared to death. I also love that this was paranormal, so this probably contributed to my loving this book.

I like that this also had some lesson learning for the young adults who read it. Morals and thinking for yourself are important things to read and think about. I also love the sense of family and sticking by your friends. I will definitely check out more of the book by this author for anything that peaks my interest :)

I think I will definitely need to add this book to my classroom library because I think it would appeal to some of the high school level reluctant readers especially the boys. I highly recommend this book to readers of paranormal books who are okay with it leaning towards horror.

Fran says

Monsterland: ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK!

In this world there are many different races of people, various animals of different classifications and of course those that deviate from the norm. As you enter the world that Wyatt lives in and meet his co-workers at the burger joint they work in you will also meet many others who will remind you of people that you might know. Vincent Konrad is creating something that will baffle the public, scare most adults and frighten the world. Imagine 6 or more theme parks catering to the odd, the unusual and the dangerous in order to protect these creatures and forms of people from becoming extinct. Monsterland will house vampires, werewolves, zombies and other dangerous species in order to protect them and make sure they are not killed. But, there are many skeptics and those that openly oppose what he is creating like Carter, Wyatt's stepfather. There is a virus that is affecting the world and many people have contracted it as we meet a man so hungry for meat regardless of where it comes from. Imagine being a cannibal and not by choice as Vincent Konrad explains that he is trying to help the universe, the world making sure these species are safe.

In his senior year of high school and his parents divorced and sharing that his father, Frank, died Carter White his stepfather is trying to create a warmer environment for Wyatt and his brother Sean. Melvin and Howard Drucker are his friends and the debate as they learn about the monsters is which one is more dangerous and superior. But, this would not be a teen novel if it did not have some boy/girl conflicts. Jade is popular and the main squeeze of one Nolan the high school quarterback and when they arrive at the burger joint he makes sure that Wyatt keeps his hands off. Wayne daydreams about her but he realizes his chances are slim. During his shift someone walks in that looks homeless and when it turns out to be Vincent Konrad the air in the burger place changes and what happens sets off an unusual chain of events. Because he offered

him food and his boss said no to his actions, he paid for it and when Vincent reveals himself what happens next is quite a surprise for everyone. Handing out tickets to the opening of Monsterland, Wyatt gets four Presidential Ones allowing him to see the inner workings of Monsterland with three other people even before it opens. Would you interact with vampires in Vampire Village or be chased by Werewolves on the River Run and finally what about walking in Zombieville among the dead? Each are real the vampires, zombies and werewolves and 7 parks around the world will house them all. But, Raoul and his crew allow you to enter before and notice the changes within them as they have physical problems that might have no cure as they tend to those within the exhibits.

Entering Monsterland apprehensive to a point Wyatt, Sean and his two friends begin to contemplate their decision as to why they came and what if anything is the real motive behind the theme park?

Wyatt and his friends would learn several lessons as they enter the park and go on the first ride which scared Jade and the rest of the group but first they watched a video that should have alerted them to the real reason behind what Vincent was doing as the werewolves were planning an escape and the video showed the animals being tortured leaving them wondering what was really happening and were the dead ones being fed to the zombies? Blood everywhere and the vampires were putting on a show and the main attraction would be Howard and Keisha. The werewolves had their own agenda and the President and the dignitaries felt they were in unison and that people from different countries could work together to create something that would attract many people and protect the species that needed to be placed in an enclosed setting to save the world. Vincent Noland is crazy as we get to hear his voice when directing his guards, the vampires and promising Raoul that Keisha would be his but patience first. Howard got locked into the clutches too and the final outcome of this opening will shock readers. When Wyatt finally sees Jade he realizes the fear in her eyes being near Nolan who terrorized her to date him? But, things are about to get more than out of control when the real show starts and the bodies begin falling in many directions. The spectators seem entranced with the show and the vampires, werewolves and the zombies provide the entertainment until they don't. Billy is one of the werewolves and he has a plan to escape and want Sylvia and the others to follow suit but will they?

Konrad made as the author relates a mockery out of science and of course he had no cure or any intention of finding a cure for the virus or studying the inhabitants held captive here. He was evil, cold just looking at this eyes it's surprising that no one realized but what money talks, the inmates will try and rebel but things take a tragic and deadly turn. Copper Valley will never be the same since chosen for the site of the Park in the United States. Terror reigns, carnage soars and the theme park definitely not like anything anyone has ever seen before will haunt the visitor's nightmares forever. But, first join them on the River Run with the Werewolves, enter Vampire Village at your own risk hoping they are not thirsty for your blood and finally meet the zombies in Zombiewille. A theme parks worse than any science fiction graphic movie and the truth behind it the vision of a sick man's thirst for power and control over the world.

Carter did not realize at first what his fate might be as walking around with Vincent, guarding the visitors and trying to protect the President who never saw what was about to happen coming and the entire group would be blindsided and the rest you might say is all politics. Explaining that the Vampire's have lived among us on the fringe of society and trying to justify why he felt he was doing great work to protect them, you could feel Carter and Jessup the other guard reeling. Carter regretted not sending his sons home but the worst has yet to come as things escalate and the violence begins and you see the show with Howard Drucker and Keisha as the main events. The blood from her neck and her pale face just appearing to be deathlike lets readers know Raoul's goal and what will happen if she does not get away from this vampire very soon. He wants he to become one of them but will she give in?

The battle begins but who will win the vampires, werewolves, the zombies or the humans? What about the dignitaries what is their fate? What the author reveals through Vincent is frightening as many terrorist groups try to take over many different countries and kill off anyone standing in their way. What makes you think that Konrad's plan is any different? The harsh reality about what he wants to do and the end result for the President, the dignitaries and some of the visitors will horrify readers and let you know never to get sucked in by someone claiming to change the world and create a cure for something incurable. Hear the screams, the

struggles and learn what happens when humans fight back, when a terrorist is exposed and his plot to revealed? Who wins? Who lives? Who might become one of his inmates? What harsh reveal about Wyatt's past is revealed and who will find their way out of Monsterland and who will remain captive forever? Wyatt is a strong character and learns something about his stepfather which might cause him to embrace and trust this man more than his own father. Truths, lies, betrayals, hate, power, control as author Michael Okon takes us deep inside the mind of a sadistic man claiming to want to make the world safer for humans one death at a time but whose? Do you want an invitation to the opening of Monsterland? After reading this what's your answer?

Fran Lewis: Just reviews/MJ magazine

Montzalee Wittmann says

Monsterland seems to be a teen/young adult book, but adults would like it too. In this world people are aware of zombies (those cursed with a virus and not dead), vampires, and werewolves. There are very few left in the world and one person claims he wants to make a theme park for them to help them. It is where they can enjoy life, they can be studied, maybe find a cure, keep them out of prisons the government would have them in, and show the public that they exist harmlessly. The story is based around two brothers, one is a big fan of the guy and one not so much. Through an odd situation, they obtain tickets and get to go free. At Monsterland's grand opening, even the President will be there. What the kids and their friends find and experience is the whole creative and fun story. Great action and lots of surprises. I can't write more, don't want to spoil it, just want to say it gets crazy! Some gory but yeah, you're dealing with monsters right? Loved it! I was given this book for an honest review.

Sam (Rescue Dog Mom, Writer, Hugger) says

This story is so much more than I expected. I began reading the book thinking the story revolved around a theme park with real monsters and I expected something to go wrong and cause panic and mayhem to ensue. Yes, all that happened, but there is more to this story besides monsters. There are many characters in this story, some of whom I thought were monstrous in their ideas and actions.

I'm not a fan of thrill rides, especially those involving surprise appearances of frightening characters, so my breathing was pretty rapid while reading this book right from the start. I felt like I was in the boat with them as they went down the Werewolf River Run. Of all the monsters in the park, I felt compassion toward the werewolves, perhaps partly because they were able to communicate, but mostly I got the impression they wanted to be free and left alone.

My favorite character is Melvin. He's so curious and excitable and enjoys exploring his surroundings far off the expected path. I'm impressed by his ingenuity in assisting in a situation and his tenacity that earned him his place, exactly where he wanted to be. I completely understood his need to feel accepted and have a sense of belonging. I'm so glad he found what made him truly happy.

Some harsh truths were exposed, causing Wyatt to reevaluate his misconception of his family situation and see things in a new light. I'm glad that happened. Hearing it for himself is the only way for Wyatt to learn who he could count on as family.

I consider this a well-written and fast-paced story with unexpected twists and turns that serve as a reminder that those in charge are not necessarily sane!

Kelly Hawkins Solomon says

Monsterland....Disneyland....what's the difference? Monsterland is what happens when Vampires, Werewolves, and Zombies are for real, for real. The monsters are real and living in hiding or in containments camps. It is ruining the economy but the hero comes in just in time to save the day. He has this amazing idea to have these creatures live in Monsterland for "observation" turned theme park. Some people have their reservations but others are crazy psyched to go to Monsterland. Wyatt gets an amazing chance to go to opening night of Monsterland and go behind the scenes as well. He takes his friends and his little brother to opening night. Boy! They are in for the time of their lives! Buckle up and get ready for a crazy, unhinged, wild ride! Things aren't always what they seem and you will be in the middle of chaos in no time. This is the first book I have read by Michael Phillip Cash and it won't be the last. One of my new favorite authors!

Debbiebooknerdyoung says

First time reading a Michael Okon book, and I look forward to reading other books by this author. Creating a theme park for people to be able to view and interact with the "monsters". The so-called monsters being vampires, zombies and werewolves.

Human nature being what it is, you know people will flock to see the exhibits.

The theme parks owner, Dr. Konrad gives Wyatt and some of his friends free VIP passes for opening day/night.

I can see problems and would definitely pass on visiting the park, but the theme park owner is pretty confident that nothing will go wrong haha.

I really enjoyed this story. Completely different from other books in the genre. Definitely a good read.

Sarah says

Right in time for Halloween, or perfect for anytime of the year. Theme parks and monsters! This book took me hostage from the beginning and kept me hooked until the end. Okon has delivered a riveting tale that includes werewolves, zombies and monsters. And the writing in this horror novel is top notch. Usually it's just about the story, but this book goes one step further. I sincerely felt like I was experiencing all of the heart racing horrors of the characters. Grab this blockbuster and get ready for action! After finishing this book I still feel the chills and the tension from the story. That's a fantastic sign of a great story.
