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CORDYCEPS: Last Man Standing Book 2



Synopsis

The United States has fallen. Millions have died, and millions more have fled in terror to the refugee-swamped central states. A month after the infection struck the east is a dead zone, populated only by the infected and those dumb or crazy enough to stay behind and fight. Tom Freeman is among the last to remain, and he's quickly learning that there are worse things to fear than the infected. Dark forces work to use the tragedy for their own ends, and the greatest danger may not be from those hungry to feed... but those hungry for power. Trust no one...Watch your back...Don't fall asleep...They're here.CORDYCEPS is the second book in the terrifying post-apocalyptic Last Man Standing series."Writing so brilliant it's impossible to put down" ... "Exceptional" ... "Surprised and delighted"

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Customer Reviews

This series is just getting better and better by the page. After speeding through Hunger in one sitting I moved straight onto Cordyceps, and now I'm officially hooked.What really got me about this book wasn't just Warren and Vee, the pair of kickass soldiers with a heart, or Bishop's story (but oh my God, prepare yourself). What really hooked me in were the chapters about minor characters who

never interact with the main group. No spoilers, but the chapter about the pilot jumped right off the page, and President Lassiter made my skin crawl even though he only spoke a few words. I could read an entire book with just these little snapshots of people's lives. No plot, just random chapters about crazy stuff happening to strangers. I seriously can't wait for book three now. I mean seriously. I want it today. Can I have it today? Damn it, why can't I have it today?

I have stopped giving 5 stars to books I review unless A) they are excellent on their own and stand head and shoulder above the rest of the genre B) they are part of a series that is overall worthy of 5 stars. Otherwise, 4 stars is my max score for good books I enjoy but that lack in some department or other. This book and the series it's part of gets a 5 stars for various reasons. It is well written. It is original. It has compelling characters. The story is excellent. What else would I want? If there is a negative, it is that the stories are short. I'll simply skip the next few books until I know I can have a nice longer story to read. Well done.

Even better than the first book, I read part 2 in a single sitting. It's a real page-turner (sorry about the overused cliché, but it definitely applies here). The story is pretty inventive and takes you to unexpected places. All in America, unfortunately, with a bit more of a back story on the main character's background and life abroad in Mongolia. The other main characters are well drawn and believable. Furthermore, the secondary characters are quite developed too. I loved the insight into how the virus works and how zombies lose their initial fitness and deteriorate without food. Most books/films in the genre don't delve this deep into what makes zombies tick or is their weakness. Great job on that. I also loved the political intrigue of what happens to the last vestiges of government after the attacks on NYC and DC. The book ends on a cliffhanger so I hope Keith publishes the 3rd installment soon after taking a well-earned break. Same suggestions as for the previous book: more time spent in international locations (there's already so much of the zombie genre set in the USA) because the world isn't just the USA; some sex because people do have sex, I believe, even in America.

The only reason I didn't give 5 stars is because I've finished each "book" in little over an hour. I love the characters and the storyline. The series has great potential, but being called a book should require a lot more than a couple hundred pages.

I devoured this second book by Keith Taylor even faster than his first (Last Man Standing: Hunger)

and I can't wait for the third book in the series. Normally I don't like series because it can take too long for the next book to arrive, so here's hoping that Taylor can crank 'em out! Bishop was a teddy bear, and I am looking forward to the revenge.

Well ... this didn't have as much action as the first read but it did have some. Still liked the characters (spoiler) too bad some good ones didn't survive, what's to be expected with Zs around. Can't wait for the next one to come out, still a good job.

No chapters, just start with a new person's poverty on a new page. Can get pretty confusing. Not really much zombie action either; it's more of how can the surviving humans screw each other even more than the undead. No book 3 for me

Good storyline, but not quite a novel. Needs more in depth about what the different storylines are doing. Short intros to the characters and I wish the writer would spend more time fleshing them out.

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