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When the USS McClusky (FFG-41) was overwhelmed by the dead, Machinist Mate First Class Jackson Creed, and Marine Sergeant Joel “Cruze” Kelly, were forced to abandon the ship, and take their chances in San Diego.

Now they are stuck in a city that has been completely overrun with zombies and as the days go by they must range farther and farther away from ‘fortress’ in their search for supplies. Relying on military training, guts, and pure force of will, the two of them will face a nightmare world that is intent on killing them one bite at a time.

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Brian says

A pleasing start to what could be good series for me to read. . I am a semi-fan of zombies and this book injects new life with the narration by Seaman Jackson Creed.

Of all the action, character dialog, and insane descriptions this book felt as if it was really happening. It brought back memories of reading Eric Shulman's series Dead Hunger.

A good read for all Zombie fans.

AudioBookReviewer says

ABR's full Z-Risen: Outbreak audiobook review and many others can be found at Audiobook Reviewer.

First thoughts about the cover of Z-Risen Outbreak? A man in an Army uniform and gun in front of a Navy ship with buildings smoking in the background. War story? Huge catastrophe? Some type of apocalypse? Please let it be an apocalypse! After reading the exert – Zombie apocalyptic story, yay!

The main character is Machinist Mate First Class Jackson Creed. He's big, he's burly, and he prefers to take out the zombies with a really BIG red wrench. He's six feet three inches and has a great sarcastic wit he uses to help him cope with the new changes in his daily world. In a mental fight or a physical fight, he's a great asset to have on your side.

The secondary main character is Marine Sergeant Joel Cruze Kelly. He's a great sniper and rocks the hand to hand combat skills as well. In this new zombie filled world, Joel is Creed's best friend. Not only does Creed and Joel work well together at fighting for survival, their funny banter between each other helps to keep the horrors of this new world from becoming to overwhelming. Without each other, they probably would not have survived the first initial days of the apocalypse.

The Narrator is Todd Menesses. Todd has a very unique way of bringing the voices to life. Each character has a rich voice for his or her character. He is very talented and does a great job of bringing this book to life. The Author is Timothy W. Long. This book is 12 hours long. It is a combination of the first and second series of the Z-Risen series. Z-Risen: Outbreak Book One and Z-Risen: Outcast Book Two.

This book offers a unique view on a zombie apocalypse. It shows what military training could do to help keep a person or persons alive during a cataclysmic event. Mixed into that was witty humor and lots of jam packed action. It has a lot of blood and gore within. Not recommended for a younger audience. There were a few spots in this book that had playback issues. Luckily, even with these issues, the story and narration held attention to the story.

This book left me thinking about things that could and would help in an emergency. The things we take for granted on a daily bases. Should people plan for the worst and hope for the best? Should people set aside things here and there to help keep themselves and others alive in the worst case scenario? Or is it better to

simply not worry about things that might not ever happen? I think it would be wisest to plan a little now rather than hurt a lot later. The safety of yourself and those you care about should always play an important role for your future.

Audiobook provided for review by the narrator.

Tremont G says

Only 13% in & I didn't bother to finish this for 3 reasons. #1. I hate zombie books with main characters who are super concerned about booze. #2. Even though there was a lot of action within the first couple chapters, I was bored. #3. The banter was annoying. Maybe I just couldn't relate to the characters but there are MUCH better zombie/virus books that feature military men and women as the main protagonists!

Toby Young says

Z-Risen: Outbreak is an action-filled book that has interesting characters and plot. I will be reading the next in the series: Z-Risen: Outcasts.

Ang says

Loved it!

Chris Page says

Enjoyable post zombie apocalypse romp. Follows the standard model but feels fresh

Todd Menesses says

I narrated the audiobook version of this book and it's very well written. Enjoyed it greatly. Great characters, humor and action.

Michael says

Great story! It's set in the same "world" as "Beyond the Barriers," but you don't have to read the other book to enjoy this one.

The story is written from the first person perspective, as a journal of a enlisted Navy man who is trying to survive the zombie apocalypse with the help of a US Marine.

It's a zombie story, with lots of action, and if you are a fan of the genre, it's worth reading.

Shana Festa says

Love it love it, love it. Oh, and have I mentioned I loved it? I've been a long time fan of Tim Long since I read *Among the Living*, snatching up his works as soon as they were released. So *Z-Risen* was bound to show up on my list at some point. *Z-Risen* will not disappoint my fellow zombiephiles. It earned a well deserved FIVE stars on fire from this monster. Five stars just weren't enough!

Z-Risen promises to be an exceptional series. The humor is doled out in no short supply. Narrated in journal format, Machinist Mate First Class Jackson Creed and Marine Sergeant Joel "Cruze" Kelly are the lone survivors of the USS McClusky. Things aren't much better on land, they quickly discover, as San Diego now belongs to the dead.

The witty banter kept me amused, and laughing out loud at times. I enjoyed the squabbling between the two as the two military branches banter away (while the men may have been on the same Naval ship, one of them is a Marine). Not to be outdone by humor, the actual gore and horror delivered was up to par. *Z-Risen* is one heck of a fast-paced, action-packed, rip-roaring funny ride.

Don't mind me, I'll be bouncing in my seat waiting for February to come so I can read the next installment of *Z-Risen*. If you were smart, dear reader, you would be clicking purchase on the Amazon link below and hopping on the Tim Long Train. All aboard! Choo Choo. bookie-monster.com

Bluecobras09 says

A good zombie apocalypse novel about a Navy sailor and Marine trying to survive from one day to the next. As an ex-Navy guy I can tell you that he hit the nail on the head with their interaction. The story itself is very believable and I am looking forward to the next book in the series.

Audio Audits says

Buckle up because there's no slowing down with this story! Navy machinist Jackson Creed has been floating through his Navy career doing the bare minimum, that comes to an abrupt end when a virus quickly overtakes the crew onboard the USS McClusky. Jackson has the good fortune to run across Marine Sergeant Joel Kelly and together they manage to make it off the ship only to discover San Diego hasn't been spared the outbreak either.

Their only mission is to find supplies and stay alive, and try to make it north, they meet many characters good and bad along the way, this book has it all humor, heartbreak, suspense, in other words, it's perfect!

Todd Menesses narrates and I'm still in awe of his ability to voice so many different characters. He definitely

has a part in making this a 5-star read!

Ralph Wark says

Fun quick read

I read th I spin two days and really enjoyed it, the characters are believable and relatable and it has some good zombie action. nothing terribly new but well written. It is a bit short (I know, I just called it a quick read) sets up a possibly nice multi book ark. The only criticism I have is the group's reaction to the death of a young man because he is supposedly infected. They hadn't know I an him long, their reaction to the authority figure was hostile, and it's the zombie freaking apocalypse, if you're infected you gotta go. As do I before the review gets longer than the book.....

Jessica Kong says

Timothy Long has written a great story and the series is called Z-Risen. What can I say, I'm a sucker for dry and sarcastic humor. And Timothy delivers in Outbreak through the main characters Machinist Mate First Class Jackson Creed and Marine Sergeant Joel 'Cruze' Kelly. The story begins on the USS McClusky, the ship Creed and Kelly were stationed on. It unfolds in a first person POV and that person is Creed, a character you can't help but root for. Fast paced and action packed, this series is one to read.

Alan Lee Jennings says

Book 1

Pearl harbor was only time we the navy got our mass stomped and it seems you made this look worse

Stephanie Hosking says

Author did not dissapoint

I stumbled upon Timothy long when I picked up Impact Earth. I liked that book so much I decided to look for Long's other books. I have my favorites but I will definitely keep reading from this author whatever he decides to write.
