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A collection of stories giving a new voice to three characters from Megan Crewe's Fallen World trilogy, and a glimpse of life beyond *The Worlds We Make*.

"Carry the Earth" - When Kaelyn's news about the vaccine stirs up unrest at the artists' colony, Tessa struggles to protect the sanctuary she's carefully constructed.

"Trial by Fire" - Drew tackles a new assignment that not only puts him at odds with his most vicious colleague and his life on the line, but may also determine the entire future of the Wardens.

"Water Song" - After he convinces a boy to leave his sick mother, Leo commits to helping the now hostile kid settle into life with the surviving islanders while confronting his own self-doubts.

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Jill booksandescape says

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Those Who Lived is a collection of three short stories that take place after the events of The Worlds We Make, the third and final book in the Fallen World series. The first story follows Tessa after Kaelyn and the rest of the group leave her behind at the artist's colony. The next follows Kaelyn's brother Drew as he works to help get the vaccine for the 'friendly flu' released to everyone. The last follows Kaelyn's boyfriend Leo after he rescues a young boy from his sick mother. All three of these stories were wonderful additions to the series, but my favorite was Drew's story. I really enjoyed where the story took him.

Victor says

São 3 contos que complementam a série, mostrando um pouco os personagens depois do terceiro livro. São legais, mas nada demais.

Alison Jog says

Great addition to the Fallen World series. Builds on characters that you come to love throughout the series but never really understand their perspectives on the apocalyptic situation. My favourite short story was Leo's because I can truly understand his take on the new world.

Nanci Booher says

The companion novel to the Fallen World series is told from 3 perspectives....3 people who survived the friendly flu and the deadly virus. A nice addition to round out the series.

Sergei Tachenov says

This book is actually three different stories, which should be reviewed separately.

The first story is hardly a story. More like a bunch of emotions and thoughts thrown in together. I liked it, though, mostly because I really liked Tessa as a character. It was nice to read what she's actually thinking rather than observing her through another character. But there's hardly anything else in this story.

The second one is really good. It has an interesting plot which seems to be centered around a seemingly unsolvable problem: how would a smart guy handle a violent guy when resorting to violence would render the whole thing meaningless? The only thing I was sure of when I was reading it is that Drew will work out a

solution somehow, but I had no idea what it will be like. This was the best story.

The third story was somehow lacking. I guess story-wise it's a bit better than the first one, but I wasn't able to really connect with Leo. He felt like a random character to me. The things he did and thought, any reasonable person would probably do them. It's like the whole story is just about how people try to get back to normal life with moderate success.

I'd say it's 3-4-2 stars, which averages to exactly 3.

Trisha says

"because that was how you lived. You didn't wait to be pulled into some perfect world, you learned to breathe in the world you had."

Disappointed. I had hoped I'd have a little peak into the world after Kaley and Leo headed back home - and we did get that...it just didn't really add anything. I felt we got very little.

The first story, I really felt like we don't know anything more about Tessa than we'd already guessed Drew was, by far, my favorite part.

Leo and Kaelyn...somehow their story was both boring and completely odd.

a great series. I am glad I gave this last one a try.

Cesar says

4 stars.

When reading a series or after you're done with said series, sometimes there are loose ends that aren't tied up. Loose ends that can help you understand the plot if you're in the middle of a series, or rather if a series ends, then you want to know what happens after. The beginning of ***Those Who Lived*** started out with Megan Crewe explaining about how some readers wanted to know more about the side characters and what happened to them. She thought it was a great idea to give them their own stories. So props for her for including a novella about the other characters.

Carry the Earth.

Tessa is one of my favorite characters throughout the series. At the beginning of the first book, when we are first introduced to her, we don't get to know more about her. Later, she begins to show more of herself and she and Kaelyn become friends. The thing about Tessa is that she is basically calm in the first two books. Her parents are dead, the people around her are dying, and she manages to keep it all together. She does feel sad, but sometimes you gotta get up and keep on going. Her story was quick and enjoyable. We finally get to know what's going on in her mind as she struggles with a decision she knew was coming. Definitely my favorite out of the three stories.

5 stars

Trial by Fire.

Unfortunately, this wasn't my favorite of the three stories. I guess it had more to do with the fact that I never really got to know Drew throughout the trilogy and because the story did lag on at parts. Don't get me wrong, I liked it, and we got to know Drew a little bit. What made me like this story was how Drew was having to deal with doing right or wrong. Whether he should do the unthinkable instead of being rational and vice-versa. After all, power is a dangerous thing. Even the good can be bad. So the morality of the story is what I really liked. Aside from that, it lagged a lot through out the middle of it. And thankfully, the end saved it.

3 stars

Water Song

(Can I just say how cool the title sounds.)

Leo. The boy who was brave and would never leave Kaelyn behind. Like Tessa, Leo was an interesting character from the start. Not only do we have an Asian protagonist, his story was bittersweet. I would say 70% sweet and 30% bitter. The two balance it out to make a great story about what it means to live and what we can do to make it feel like we are living and not just hiding in fear. I'm starting to see a pattern in which I love stories that deal with these types of themes. Especially in apocalyptic/post-apocalyptic settings. Plus, there was one character in this story who starts out as reluctant to speaking and talking about himself with Leo, then... aww. It was sweet.

4 stars

Looks like the loose ends are finally tied up.

Thanks for reading my review!

-Cesar

Ferdy says

2.5 stars

Somewhat entertaining. Kind of liked the first two stories (Tess/Drew's) but hated the third one (Leo's)

I wasn't overly impressed with Tessa's story, it was okay enough but it was a little too short and felt unfinished. Did Tessa and her community end up staying where they were or moving somewhere else? Did they manage to get vaccinated? Did they split up?

I really wanted Tessa to leave with Meredith and return home with Kaelyn/Leo. I don't know why she was so adamant in staying where she was when she had more of a home/connection with Kaelyn and co. I think she would have been happier and less alone with them than where she ended up.

Loved that Tessa quickly got over Leo and wasn't all angsty/hurt that he was with Kaelyn.

Enjoyed Drew's story the most, he had more of a plot compared to Leo/Tessa's story. Liked Drew's character more this time around, he was kind of a douche before. It was good how he managed to redeem himself by stopping Nate and helping those kids and taking over the Wardens. I would have liked to read more from his POV, and find out about his Warden duties and his plans to help rebuild society and whatnot.

I didn't enjoy Leo's story, I liked the parts with Kaelyn/Meredith/Drew interacting and finding some stability but other than that it was rubbish. Leo was just irritating, I hated him questioning Kaelyn about her feelings for her dead ex. It was out of order, he shouldn't have put her on the spot like that when Gav had so recently

died. He had no right to be insecure about Kaelyn/Gav's relationship, he was the one who forgot about Kaelyn and started dating Tessa. Also, if Tessa hadn't dumped him Leo would still be her so I don't know why he was worrying about Kaelyn's feelings for Gav when he was the one who more or less rejected Kaelyn and got with someone else. Ugh, he was annoying.

Michelle Jenkins says

I liked hearing perspectives of some other characters. Well written.

Krystal says

This little insightful tale was meant to touch base & tie up some ends. For the most part it was a great read, although some left more questions than answers. I did enjoy finding out more about what the future holds for those that survived especially Meredith & Drew.

Lauri says

I like to have things wrapped up. Although there is still so much more I want to know, Those Who Lived does help.

Debra Jeakins says

First off, I have not read the FALLEN WORLD TRILOGY, but from what I can gather from the short stories and the characters in THOSE WHO LIVED I know I need to find the FALLEN WORLD TRILOGY and read them. It didn't take me long to get the gist of the characters and the plot and I really enjoyed meeting these characters one by one. The stories, as I said before are pretty short and describe characters that one could meet and greet on the street every day. Good plot, good characters and vivid locations have made me want to really get to know these people in the book.

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Megan Crewe says

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