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In this 5th book in the What Zombies Fear Series, Victor makes it back from California, but not after suffering some heavy setbacks. The team he has worked so hard to build is fractured. Just when things have started to calm down, Max learns some startling information, and overnight, things go from not so bad, to a Declaration of War.

Declaration of War Details

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Shannon Campos-hatfield says

very exciting series.

Heather Cotton says

I really like all these books, the only reason I put three stars is because it wasn't the way I expected it all to come about. For avid readers these are great quick reads for zombie lovers!!!

Kirk Allmond says

Note: I'm the author.

This is my favorite of the series so far. The writing of this story goes to some of the darker places in Victor's mind, which was fun for me to explore. To those of you who have read this far into the story, I think you will notice yet another elevation of my writing ability. I've always believed this was a great story. Finally, the "technical" side, the actual writing is catching up to the story. I'm still far from Hemmingway, but I'm a much better writer today than I was when I wrote the first book.

Thank you to everyone who has read my books.

-Kirk

C.T. Phipps says

The penultimate book to the What Zombies Fear series. Declaration of War is a book which is markedly different from the rest of series' entries. Whereas the previous book, Fracture, destroyed the nakama (a really close non-family group of friends) of Victor Tookes--this sort of stomps on the ashes before scattering them.

The premise of What Zombies Fear is that Victor Tookes, the titular protagonist, is a human being immune to the bites of zombies. Furthermore, he and a small number of other heroes have gained superpowers from it. Dedicating himself to destroying every zombie on planet Earth, Victor Tookes has had a small amount of success in this. He even managed to disable the E'clei Queen Lauren, ultimately leading to her death.

Unfortunately, Victor has become a victim of his own success as the routing of the zombies has convinced the other members of his posse it's time to retire. Victor doesn't help his case by not really having a plan other than "kill zombies" as well as a selfish-sounding goal of doing it for his son (versus everyone else's). By the time the book is through it's first five chapters, it's clear no one wants anything further to do with Victor.

The premise of this was believable but disappointing. I'd been big fans of the supporting cast until this point

and watching them become so selfish and stupid in the face of a genocidal race of man-eaters who only appear to be defeated was annoying. It's a bit like watching a car wreck, you can't turn away even though you know it's going to lead to disaster. The supporting cast trade immediate comfort for long-term survival.

Despite this depressing premise, there is much to recommend the novel and a lot of set up for what will undoubtedly be a grand conclusion in the final novel. Declaration of War has more character development than any other volume in the series and while a lot of it is melancholy, other parts give fascinating insights into the cast. We get a sense of why Victor does what he does, how he thinks, and what his major flaws are-- particularly in how he fails as a leader due to his self-centeredness.

There's a significant time-skip in this book and I have to say I think it's some of the most touching stuff in the entirety of the series. We get to see the characters experience what sort of lives they hoped to have after the zombies were dealt with, even if it's an illusion. The fact there's a positive lesbian romance (and even marriage) is also something I approve of, being the giant liberal that I am.

In conclusion, I find Declaration of War to be the darkest entry of the franchise yet but not without some appeal. I think any fans of the series will want to purchase this book and it's an essential part of the build-up to the climax. Still, I wish the authors hadn't been quite so brutal to their characters.

8/10

Lorre says

It seems to be going so well for the humans in the beginning of this book. We are fastforwarded a few years and all the human settlements have flourished... then it all goes to hell and at the end of the book we don't know who will survive.

I'm hoping that the surviving superhumans will unite again in the next books and crush those damn superzombies once and for all!

Bonnie says

This book fast forwards quite a few years and you get a glimpse of how great things were for awhile... And then all hell breaks loose again. This book is quite the roller coaster but I really liked it. And I can't wait for the next installment!!!

Karina Halt says

Great Series! I read the whole series one book after another. It is a zombie series but with a slightly different take, and I definitely liked it!

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!!!

RJ says

Our heroes try to cut out small sections of our planet in which to build and carve out a peaceful existence, going so far as to make treaties with zombie leaders to leave each other in peace. Well, that worked for several years until the zombies hit everyone across the country at once. Max, our heroes young son is now a teenager coming into his own power and still trying to stay under the zombie leaders radar. A strange tale indeed, but unusually interesting despite the odd storyline. I thought this was the last book of the series, but such is not the case. This book ends quite suddenly as the all out assault on our survivors is taking place. Guess I'll have to wait to find out how is strange tale continues to develop or comes to an end. Not sure which will come to pass.

Joline Novy says

I finished this book about 4 days ago and am only now getting the chance to leave my review.

I can honestly say that I think this is my favorite book in the, What Zombies Fear, universe to date. Book 5 shows just how much Allmond and Bretz have matured as writers. There are far less grammatical errors, more character development and the story itself is just so much better developed. Allmond and Bretz seem to have found what works for them and dove into this book with no holds barred. The only disappointment?? Book 6 isn't out yet!! I absolutely cannot wait for the final installment of the Victor Tookes adventures.

By the end of this book you will witness the dissolution of relationships and get a glimpse into what is in store for all of the characters in the future. Will everyone survive? What kind of relationship will Max and Victor have? Will the zombies be conquered once and for all?

Pick up, Declaration of War, to get the answers. You won't be disappointed!!

David Blaylock says

The penultimate book in the series.

Michael Tuccillo says

Lots of fun!

This author has done a marvelous job creating a Zombie Universe like no other. The advent of super zombies and humans takes us through some amazing adventures. I highly recommend this book series as you will have allot of fun reading.
