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A lightning-paced, high-action topical thriller where Survivor and Big Brother meet a contest to the death in a Caribbean paradise. The setting is a reality-based TV show on a remote desert island. Viewers from all round the world have complete access - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - as twelve very different contestants confront their greatest fears, in expectation of a winning payoff of two million dollars. But then someone very sinister steals the show, when a mysterious voice called CONTROL explains that each participant is harbouring a lethal virus, fatal within twenty-four hours without a daily vaccine. Each day one of the contestants will not receive this vaccine... and it's up to the viewing public to decide which one of them to 'evict'. What will the doomed players do in their desperation to win viewer support? Which of them will win through to become the sole survivor? And who is the secret mastermind calling himself CONTROL?

24/7 Details

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Rob says

This book is one of the fastest paced books i have ever read it starts with a huge surprise and gets real at a very fast pace 9 out of ten on my scale. Survivor meets saw is my best description.

RedemptionDenied says

A new reality tv show being aired on Vassa Island is about be hijacked. The show 24/7 that has twelve contestants vying for the \$2,000,000 prize - takes an unexpected turn - when the shows host (Brant Nelson), cameramen and field personnel all die horribly within the first fifteen minutes of the programmes first broadcast.

After the initial pandemonium recedes; a voice (Control) emanates from the islands Roundhouse buildings speakers - and informs the contestants that they have a lethal pathogen percolating through their bloodstream, and in the next twenty-four-hours eleven of them will receive an injection; which will stall the virus for another day and one of them will die; to be decided by online voting. The shows producers are unable to shut down the broadcast - so the show is available to watch via the Internet and television, etcetera, and people do end up voting for who they want eliminated. This is going to be a very popular show.

The original show was to have challenges; specific to each contestants fears - and this still applies in Control's new version of the game; complete the challenge - and receive five safety stones; which negates ten per cent of votes for each stone used. They can get safety stones by completing challenges or if they're lucky, they can find them around the island. As you can imagine; finding these stones is like finding the Holy Grail.

As the island has over six hundred cameras; many of them hidden - the public (and Control) gets to see everything that's going on - and as with any reality show; public perception can have an effect on whether you get to stay or leave - or in this case; receive a short reprieve. In addition to the cameras littered around the island - the contestants have to wear a thin metal collar (Choker-Cam) around their neck: which was part of the original show, and is now part of this one. Eyes everywhere.

In the background the White House is powerless to do anything - though they do send an aircraft carrier and other ships to the island; to make sure the contestants actually stay on the the island (which is famous for Guano. I looked it up.), until they can work out how to resolve the situation - as they don't know whether the virus is contagious; they do know how fast and deadly it is though.

This is a very fast paced thriller that had me guessing throughout. There are multiple POV, so you get to see what is happening on the island, tv networks, the aircraft carrier, White House etc. The only problem is; it switches to different characters without warning. So in one sentence you're with one character - and in the next you're with another somewhere else. There are also quite a few typos and missing words - though it didn't distract me too much; annoying though.

Marianne Stehr says

One of the best thrillers I read this year, until I got to the end. It was so far fetched, just completely unbelievable as if the author didn't know what to do or couldn't end it, so it just fell flat

Dee Dodgson says

Jim Brown has the ability to keep you on the edge of your seat and never gives anything away, so you just have to keep reading to find out what happens.

I love his style of writing and you can see his personality seeping through in some of his phrases and descriptions.

If you like suspense, action and a story with a twist on what could really happen, then you WILL enjoy this.

Another great book, thanks Jim.

If you get the chance, read his latest 'BOOM', it's amazing.

Lizabeth Tucker says

I've actually had this book since it was first published, then had it downloaded to my eReader, but kept putting off reading it. Why? Because while the premise fascinated me, I didn't really expect to enjoy it. Boy, was I wrong!

The basic premise is that of reality programming taken to the ultimate level when a Survivor-style show is hijacked by the mysterious Control. Every contestant has been infected with an Ebola type disease that requires a shot to keep them alive. It is up to America to vote the next person off the island. Permanently. For the one voted off isn't given the lifesaving shot needed to keep them alive. Dana Kirsten was there to get her heart's desire, her dying child entered into an experimental program in Switzerland. Justin Rourke was looking to outrun his personal demons. Outside in the real world, wannabe reporter Tucker Thorne finds his personal puzzle solving abilities making him the one person who may be able to save the day, if his own personal grief doesn't destroy him in the process. And there there is Dr. Lorrik, victim of a terrorist attack who lost his beloved daughter at the same time, who blames Tucker for her death.

A fantastic look at what could happen, probably will happen in some form or another in the future if reality programming continues to push the envelope. After all, it wasn't that long ago that a Big Brother contestant took a knife to the woman he was having sex with, threatening to kill her.

I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in reality programming, or those who find it horrible and demeaning, or simply can't decide either way. Adventure, romance, and mystery are all contained within these pages.

Seth Zimmerman says

There's a ton of reality shows out there today. This novel takes it to the next level where the viewers at home

decides who lives, and who dies. This book is different from The Hunger Games, and written before. Definately an entertaining book.

Brittiany says

24/7 is a new reality show, much like the current 'Survivor', but on a much grander scale. The contestants are to be on the deserted, some think cursed, Vassa Island, which happens to have the single most powerful communications tower in the world. The show will broadcast their every move. Not only are they over 600 cameras on the island, but each contestant is fitted with a collar cam. The prize for enduring the public eye as they compete in challenges to face their biggest fears? Two million dollars and your heart's desire.

For single mom Dana Kirsten that means her daughter Jenna can join the hopefully life-saving trial in Switzerland to treat her muscular dystrophy.

Things go terribly wrong the moment the show begins. The stakes have jumped considerably. The contestants are now fighting for their lives.

When I read my Goodreads friend Justin's review of this book, I immediately went in search of it. His review made me think 'Hunger Games' with adults. FYI, there is no Kindle or e-reader version of the book, so I hit up my local library.

The story starts off with a bang and builds momentum from there. Its fast pace kept me turning the pages. Like Justin, I never could find a good place to stop. The twists and turns kept me guessing til the end.

While it wasn't as much like 'The Hunger Games' as I'd been expecting, it was still definitely worth the read. Thanks for recommending, Justin!

Sandra says

I really liked this book. Constant suspense, twists and turns. It's basically about a reality show gone wrong. 12 contestants on an island, watched 24/7 by people all over the world. But as the game is about to begin, the crew dies and the real show starts. It draws you in from the very beginning. The only thing that bothered me is that the story switched from one character to another in most awaited moments. But that is only a small minus. The book is an interesting turn on reality tv and makes you think about the whole idea. I recommend this book to people interested in psychology or sociology. But it's a good read for anyone basically.

Michelle says

This was a great read, and I didn't want to put it down!!

The post script by first-time author Jim Brown was thought provoking, and I am looking forward to reading his next book.

24/7 would be enough to make you think twice about entering any reality game show!

Valerie Caraotta says

Enter Author Jim Brown's reality television show and within 15 minutes 24/7 will change from money hungry contestants to paralyzing reality that literal life and death now hangs in the balance. This popular show will test the viewers in vast number as they neglect daily tasks when a deadly virus inflicts each contestant and the contestants life depends on viewer votes and a daily life saving injection. As 1 contestant is removed in horrifying flesh-burning fashion for all to see, the real "game" will change in dynamics to survival and a test of affections. Popularly said that who you really are is exposed when intense stress is prevalent, you will discover to the core what each contestant is truly made of.

Brown's talented uncanny way will make these less than 2 weeks feel like an eternity where horrid circumstances and visualizations will spark your adrenaline. As each contestant has to endure physical and psychological challenges individually tailored, Vassa Island will become the home of unwanted guests. With U.S. Navy, FBI personnel, reporter Tucker Thorne and others on the case, just who was responsible for this? Which contestant was the culprit leading to others demise? "Finally the evil that had infected Vassa Island and spread to television sets and computer monitors had a face. One of the 11".

The pleasure of seeing each removed would be replaced by the agony of witnessing each die. Each second ticking on the clock the climactic ending will reveal "it ain't over until it's over". Learn the real heart of the matter and those that ultimately prove paramount in discoveries.

This award-winning journalist and critically acclaimed Author has lived up to the status of excellence revealed in this hard to put down thriller. Be careful with your early conclusions and insights as the twists will take you on a journey you are not fully prepared for.

I easily rate this book as 5-star quality and highly recommend it.

Justin says

I thought that the book was really interesting. It was worth the wait till I actually could find a copy. I will admit that I was a little confused in the beginning with the 3 different story lines but I liked how they all came together and the twist at the end was pretty cool...did not see that coming lol

Lauren says

I seem to have the best luck when it comes to picking books as I always manage to find ones I love. Amazing book and for anyone who loves reality tv this is the book for you. I ended up asking myself so many questions whilst reading this book about my own morality. Couldn't get enough of it and found it hard to put down each time I picked it up. I've been told his other book Black Valley is even better and fortunately I have that as well so that will be on the to read list soon!

Alan Moore says

A bit difficult to stomach at times as I'm not a fan of made up reality tv, though that was just the concept, the book itself was very good, was able to read it in 2 days (on metro, bus and at bedtime). Not my regular type of book but the writer is able to keep the pace moving at all times, the language is accessible and the subject matter is perfect for what Jim Brown did with it. I'm motivated now to read another of his offerings - having had 24/7 on the shelf for more than a year!

Mark says

This book is a book that I will never forget. The book is a thriller with surprises hidden in every chapter. In the end of the book, I would of never guessed that Cody (One of the Players on The TV Show) was the Control's Accomplice. And I would have never guessed that Kraft Technology was incorporated with this TV Show, 24/7. If you are looking for a book that makes you on the edge of your seat; then this book is perfect.

Kris Irvin says

"The sea lashed the beach like a Roman flogging a Christian."

Yeah. This book? Is bad. But if you need some hilarious, nonsensical analogies this is the place to look for 'em!
