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The Virus changed them, but that was only the beginning...

...death...mutation...insanity...corruption...terror...

...all that remains is hope.

In the wake of destruction left behind by the Virus, it took Dani and Zoe months to find each other. But their reunion was short-lived. Dani has been taken, and though little distance separates them, they might as well be worlds apart.

From the moment she hears Dani's scream, Zoe's only goal is to save her best friend. She and her companions scramble to come up with a rescue plan, but when a ghost from Jake's past reappears, lines are blurred, decisions become harder, and secrets are revealed...and some secrets are best left buried. To keep heartache and fear from consuming her, Zoe must cling to her determination. She WILL see Dani again.

Dani awakens inside the final hold-out of civilization: the Colony. Remnants of the former world surround her—electricity, safety, social order—but all is not what it seems. As she faces her most manipulative adversary yet, she loses sight of who she is and who she can trust. Friends become enemies, enemies become allies, and allies will betray her. Dani will have to decide what she's willing to do and whose lives she's willing to risk if she is to have any chance of breaking free.

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Carol [Goodreads Addict] says

Into the Fire is book #two in The Ending series by Lindsey Fairleigh and Lindsey Pogue. This book, holy cow, there simply aren't enough adjectives to describe my feelings to you right now. My head is spinning and my heart is pounding. From start to finish this book had me on the very edge of my seat.

The entire book takes place within the span of one week. Things start out directly where book one ended. Dani has been taken! We switch back and forth between what is happening with Dani and what is going on with Zoe and the rest of the group.

Dani was taken to the Colony and during her time here we are subjected to one revelation after another. Life at the Colony is certainly different than how she has been living all these months. During their months of travel they have learned to live without all of today's modern conveniences. But suddenly she finds herself in a place with electricity, air conditioning, plenty of food, housing. But underneath all of this is a world full of evil and madness.

Dani meets Gabe, her friend from her mind, whom she had come to know as M.G. Gabe claims to be on her side, to want to help her, but isn't he the one that brought her here? Can she trust him? She meets the mastermind behind all the madness, The General or Father as some refer to him. The General is truly evil. His plans for power are limitless. We are told about the re-gens he is creating and his plan to accumulate power and control. The experiments they are doing on humans and re-gens are horrifying.

All Dani wants is to get back to her friends. She had Zoe back for one lousy night. And Jason, her beloved Jason. Dani is subjected to some horrible things but she also is able to strengthen her power. She makes new friends and meets up with an old enemy. All she can think about is getting out and getting back to Zoe and Jason.

Zoe, Jason, Jake and the others are forced to abandon the camp from fear that Dani's kidnappers will return. They find an old ghost town and take up residence there. They are befriended by a new man and a boy he is traveling with. I am hoping these two will play a larger part in the following books.

I feel like in this book, we really get to dig deeper into the characters heads and hearts. Zoe has so much turmoil going on. She wants Dani back. At the same time, she is struggling with her relationship with her brother, Jason. There are some very important details regarding their past that are revealed. Zoe is also struggling with her relationship with Jake. She is convinced that if she lets him in, he will abandon her just as everyone else has in her life. Jake is shocked by a visitor from his own past.

There is simply so much going on that I barely got time to take a breath. The entire week Dani is at the

colony is spent planning her escape. And Zoe, Jason, Jake and the others are up against scouts from the Colony, crazies and their own inner demons, all the while trying to figure out a way to rescue Dani.

I believe on their Facebook page, they call the fans of this series, “Endingers.” Well, I guess I am one because I am obsessed with this series. This group which I have grown so attached to just doesn’t seem to catch a break. I just want them all to settle down somewhere, start their own little community and be happy. But that’s definitely not the way things are going. So we will see what happens next, in book three, *Out of the Ashes*. I can’t wait to get started.

J. Bennett says

Into the Fire throws us right back into the post-apocalyptic, super power-tastic world that we left in *After the Ending*, which is a good thing, because I really, really wanted to know what happened to Dani after she was kidnapped and taken into (play scary music)...THE COLONY.

Authors Lindsey Fairleigh and Lindsey Pogue don’t let up on the action for one iota of a second. You think, “Oh, here’s a chance to catch my breath...”, but you’re WRONG, because something else is about to explode into horribleness for protagonists and best friends Dani and Zoe. This just goes to show that the world can end...and things can still get worse.

Throughout *Into the Fire*, Dani and Zoe are once again separated, which rekindles the tension that readers will remember from *After the Ending*, as the two best friends try to find a way to reunite with each other. This time, the stakes are even higher as Dani finds herself trapped within The Colony, run by General Herodson who seeks to rebuild the broken world into a new human utopia.

Sound like a nice little vision? It’s not so nice when the dreamer has the power to control minds and isn’t afraid of a little torture, murder, and mayhem to get his perfect world up and running.

Will Dani be able to escape The Colony with the help of some new and special friends? Will Zoe and Jake actually stop arguing and misunderstanding each other long enough to finally, finally, finally get it on?

You’ll have to read *Into the Fire* to find out. The plot is whiplash-inducing fast with lots of good twists and turns. Zoe and Dani continue to be fun, realistic narrators who stumble through their new reality but always find the strength to stand back up. I really like how the reader can see their evolution and growth through the series. Romance fans can also expect some sizzle in the book, but it’s only one of many different threads that make up this multi-layered story. And finally, cool powers and now...ZOMBIES...well, sort of.

Anyone who loves new adult, dystopian, or reading about girls with grit are in for a treat. Now, bring on Book Three!

Aimeekay says

So I reviewed *After the Ending*, the first book in *The Ending* series, a few months ago and I enjoyed it immensely. Fortunately *Into the Fire*, the second book in the series, did not disappoint.

I've really gotten attached to Dani and Zoe, but in *Into the Fire* even more characters were introduced that I liked just as much. I still also like the way that the authors switch back and forth between the characters viewpoints. Dani, however, is still my favorite. But I did start to like Zoe even more in this book and, without giving too much away, I can't wait to see where the authors take her in the next book that comes out next year.

As for the story, in *Into the Fire* the reader gets to find out even more about how the virus came about. There is still lots of action and this time there are a lot of plot twists. Some I saw coming, but a few, on in particular, I really didn't expect but again, I can't wait to see where it goes. The first book ended on a definite cliffie, and *into the fire* does end rather abruptly, but more as a lead in into the next book, not as a sheer drop. I actually really liked this ending, especially when compared to the ending of the first book, and I really thought it was going to end completely differently so again without too much spoilerage I was definitely pleasantly surprised. Also I love the way that the authors have woven Dani and Zoe's stories together. Both in how they came together at the end of the first book to how they came back together again at the end of the second.

Overall I think this series is really good. It started strong and has continued into the second novel without losing steam. I can't wait 'til next year when book three, *Out of the Ashes* is released. I definitely recommend reading the books in order though, so if you haven't read *After the Ending* yet, pick it up and get reading!

Katie/Doing Dewey says

Into The Fire is the sequel to *After The Ending* (which is currently on sale on amazon for only \$.99 by the way!) and picks up right where the previous book left off. The world has basically come to a halt due to a virus and two friends, Dani and Zoe, are trying to survive with everything changing. Strange new abilities, people gone mad, and crazy government conspiracies are just a few of the exciting elements of this great series.

Even though some of the characters were similar to one another, I quickly remembered who was who as I started this sequel. I've often found that difficult in other series, but in this series, the characters stuck with me very vividly. No information dump needed. One complaint people had with the previous book was the central role romance played, despite the world nearly ending. I actually found it really realistic and think it's part of why the characters seemed so believable to me. As long as people aren't in immediate danger, interpersonal drama and the building of romantic relationships is always going to be a thing. That said, I think people who were bothered by the romance will find it less of a problem in *Into The Fire*. While some enjoyable romance is still present, it clearly plays a secondary role compared to the action and world building.

Something exciting was constantly happening. The action kept me turning pages as fast as I could! The world building was very well done. Most of the new information about how this world works was revealed to us early on, but throughout the book we discover how individual characters got to where they are. I thought this was a great way to avoid artificially holding information back – something that has always been a pet peeve of mine in YA – while still keeping me curious. There were a few little pet peeves of mine that did show up in this one, including some slightly too serendipitous occurrences and characters who refuse to talk

about their problems, but overall, this was an incredibly fun read.

Even the science was quite well done. Although I'm not convinced that what happened in the book could happen in real life, the book is both internally consistent and consistent with basic science. Some of the facts of our reality are different from the book, but again – the basic science holds. I love when authors do their research! So yep, great characters, fascinating world building, constant action, and believable science. Obviously, I'm going to highly recommend this one.

This review first published on Doing Dewey.

Dianne says

Have you ever been so lost in a book and its story that when you reach the end, and your Kindle says 100% you actually need to try to check further to see if there's maybe just another line or two? Like flipping over my Kindle will magically give me more, right? **Into the Fire** by Lindsey Fairleigh and Lindsey Pogue Had me white-knuckling-it to its fabulously devious ending, and I can testify that if you flip your Kindle over, you will not find more, nor is there anything beyond 100% finished.

Briefly, the world has been decimated by a mysterious virus that has left its survivors changed in amazing ways. Small groups band together in search of a safe haven. Meanwhile, one place remains as a civilized bastion in a world reduced to its most primitive elements, The Colony. But is it a haven for survivors or a breeding ground a new and more terrible living hell? Picking up immediately after Dani is abducted in book one, **After the Ending**, the maze of events are genius in a diabolical way. The gut-wrenching secrets revealed will hit you like a sucker punch, while the tender moments of tentative love will melt your heart. As for the action, I suggest you rest up, you are going to need all of your energy to keep up as good vs evil vs science gone awry vs tortured consciences take turns at center stage where humans are used as lab rats and the name of the game is control at any cost.

What would you do to save your best friend? What would you risk? What secrets would you shield from those you love in order to protect them?

From start to finish I was right there as the authors deftly structure a world in chaos, where trust is earned, danger could be lurking around the next corner and madness is rampant. I believed in this world, it was real, almost too real! The core characters are not just descriptions on a page, they are lifelike, and have emotions, secrets, tempers, and flaws. They are also loving, caring and loyal to a fault. Together they have adapted to their lives as a unit. When threatened they circle the wagons and come out with guns blazing. The villains ranged from the demented power mongers to the unsuspecting pawns that you cannot help but feel for.

The best thing about having received an ARC edition from L2 Books in exchange for my honest review, I was able to read this sooner. The only downside is that I have to wait longer for the next book in this amazing series that still has a lot to share!

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Satarupa says

I got this book from the author, free of cost, in exchange of an honest review from my side.

Firstly I would like to thank the author and the publisher for giving me this opportunity of reading and reviewing this books.

Well, well, well, I think I'm falling in love with the Dystopian Genre. I mean why wouldn't I, right now this genre is the best out there and I'm so happy to say that these books are a gem in this genre. After a long time I read a story that involves the love of two friends for each other and their struggle to meet. I loved the way the author portrayed the unbreakable friendship of Zoe and Dani. Both girls touched my heart and I loved the true and pure feeling they had for each other and in this tragic situation too they do all they can to meet up but their meeting doesn't last long and Dani is taken away from Zoe and in the second installment we witness the heartfelt and true hardship that Zoe undergoes to get Dani back and on the other hand Dani faces her own monsters and the change in surroundings also changes her view towards her very own known world that got destroyed in a virus attack. But is that the only truth or there are other facets of this truth? Are the people whom the girls think as their allies are really guarding them or are they manipulating their knowledge about the outcome of this virus attack. Are the enemies their well-wishers? Now it's time to find out!!!

Great books and the mystery nearly knocked me over and my god the suspense just took my breath away. I loved the characters very much, they were well portrayed and kept developing till the very end. I loved Zoe the most but Dani also touched my heart. The mysterious boys are also one of the attractions of this story.

Over all I loved the ending very much and I never saw that coming. I'm really very impressed and I know that you guys will love it too so go ahead and read it!!! Enjoy!!!

Sandra "Jezan" says

Oh what an ending am definitely wanting to read the next book!

INITIAL THOUGHTS

Approaching this book I am desperate to know who/what has Dani, what they want from her as well as what the others' reactions to Dani being kidnapped will be.

At 16% we are also introduced to a new character called Mase who lives in the colony, though how long he is going to last alive is debatable as he seems somewhat a rebel.

Throughout this book I was really kept guessing what was going to happen. This book has some "on the edge of your seat" scenes within it.

MY REVIEW

I received this e-arc from Netgalley. I like the cover of this book too as it matches the cover of book one with the addition of the fiery orange on this cover. And there is certainly plenty of "fire" in this book. So would the cover of this book make me pick it up in a bookstore? Yes, I'd be attracted to its sparse simplicity which fits the theme of the book of everything being gone.

So from the last book we know Dani has been kidnapped and my suspicions were right, it is people from the colony that have her. The man in charge of the colony General Herodson is a mind bender, so naturally he forces Dani to think she wants to stay at the colony. Dani is given a house, clothes food everything that she needs. In fact it's kind of like being in the "before" the virus as the colony has electricity and hot water.

However Dani has this little voice/feeling that things are not quite right. The Gabe injects her with something called "neutraliser" that he has obtained from Dr Wesley and all her memories come back. . . .

(I'll leave that there as you really need to read the book for yourselves.)

So there is a kind of rebellion going on, those who seem to be in this rebellion and who want to help Dani escape are Dr Wesley-Dani feels there is something really familiar about her but she can't quite put her mind to what it is. There's Gabe, the one who lured her to the colony who now seems to be on her side and wanting to help her escape. Then there are Mase and Camille, two Re-Gens . . . what are Re-Gens? Well you need to read the book I can't/won't reveal everything! The very real problem Dani has she doesn't really know who she can trust.

So amid all this action and trying to rescue Dani from the colony there is still time for some relationship angst between Zoe and Jake. Especially when there is a choice Jake has to make between Zoe and his sister Becca Who does Jake end up choosing. Becca is not the girl Jake knew as his sister, but he cannot prevent the feelings of protectiveness he still has for his sister that he thought had died.

This book has lots of mysteries, some are answered some are not. I do have lots of things going around in my head after finishing this book as I did with Book One. I truly love this series. I'm even more attached to all of the characters. I love the friendship between Dani and Zoe, the fact they would both be willing to risk their own life for the other.

We also see a little bonding between siblings Zoe and Jason. Jason admits the reason he seems to scowl at Zoe all the time is that she looks a lot like their mother, who died in a car crash, or did she? They bond over opening the secret box their dad used to keep from them and hide in the "before". They finally open it together and discover a letter from their mother to their father . . . which is really poignant and then they realise the date on the letter is two days after she died! How can that be? Why did their father keep this secret from them?

The book ends on a mixture of emotions happiness yet sadness, and hope against the odds. I love the pace of the book, always something going on. This book has the extra point of view of Mase for a couple of chapters

as well as the much appreciated chapters from Dani and Zoe's point of views as in Book One. So did I enjoy the book? Put simply I loved it! Would I recommend the book? Oh, Yes! Would I want to read another book in this series? Definitely as soon as its available please! Would I read other titles by these co-authors? Yes both books they have written together or written individually too.

Carol (StarAngel's Reviews) Allen says

****4.5 Re-Gen Stars****

Now that's what I'm talking about...this one read so much faster since I couldn't put it down. Dani finally started to grow up in this story but Zoe a few times had me ready to pull my hair out.

Again this is told in Dani's and Zoe's POV with a few chapters from Mase (Giant).

Fast paced ---- very interesting and action packed! This one was much better than the first but yet again we end with a cliffhanger! UGH...

I have to find out more so I'm off to start... Out Of The Ashes

Fallon says

Into The Fire started off with a new character and a new twist to the plot. Everything you thought you knew and the lost that was experienced in After The Ending changes in Into The Fire. I could not put this book down. Zoe and Dani are separated once again. Jason is devastated and on the war path to get Dani back. The only problem is war lives are lost.

Who is the Mystery Guy tat has been in Dani's dreams? Well MG gets a name and a huge part in this second book. t can not tell you how many twists this book had. Not everything is as it seems. The most scary abilities seem to be the ones that can control the minds of those around them and seem to be the most abused. How do you defeat someone that can control your every whim.

I can not even describe how much I love this series. Jason's love and protective nature over Dani is so swoon worthy. Also we finally get Jake and Zoe to admit to what is going on between them. I was dying after the cliffhanger ending in After The Ending and had to pick this up right after. This book will have you reading all through the night. The world building in this book and the fact that the Authors continually intrigue and surprise is so addicting. This is a must read series and I only wish I had read these sooner. This is a 5 out of 5 star book.

Monique says

Originally posted here: <http://moniquesmobooks.blogspot.ca/20...>

My Review

I received a copy of this from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

* Spoilers from After the Ending, book #1*

Held captive by a mind controlling General, Dani needs to search for a way to escape the community without raising suspicion. Luckily she finds a few special people that are willing to help.

Being separated from her best friend once again has Zoe distraught but she has more than just that on her mind. She's worried about where her relationship with Jake is headed and why ghosts from his past are turning up. Then there's the mysterious box containing information about the one woman she's never been able to remember - her mother.

I will start off by saying that while I liked After the Ending, the first book in the series, I thought the sequel was even better. With the plot already established and the character development already in place Into the Fire picks up right where the last book left off, with the exception of the opening chapter in Mase's POV.

I was immediately pulled back into the story after the opening chapter. I was very interested in knowing what a Regen was and learning about what the hell happened to Dani. So I kept on reading. After Dani was somehow taken by her mystery guy at the ending of the first book I have been dying to know what her future held and it was definitely an incredible story. I found this part of the book to be the most stimulating for me. It was much more plot oriented and there wasn't a dull moment.

Zoe's part in the story wasn't as exciting as Dani's but I enjoyed each of the characters in her group, especially Chris, the woman with the ability to calm anyone down in a bad situation. The thing that had me most interested with Zoe was that locked box left to her and Jason by their father. Finally it was opened and what it contained was something they never could have suspected. For me the results were pretty predictable but still fascinating.

I loved the sci fi elements in the story with the virus outbreak that caused "abilities" in people who survived the illness, and the Regens which included two interesting characters. The only thing that I didn't like about this story was the fact that after two books about Dani and Zoe trying to find each other in the new world they have only spent a chapter or two together. I found it frustrating.

In closing I would like to say that I really enjoyed reading this novel and I can't wait to find out what's in store for Dani and Zoe in the next installment of the series.

I give this story a 4 ½ out of 5 stars.

Ines says

I should warn you before I start, if you haven't read After The Ending, there will be spoilers.

I feel lucky that I didn't have to wait long before reading the next book in The Ending series. Although now I'm not sure if I still remembered enough of the previous book or the authors were so good to jog my memory with what happened in After The Ending (knowing myself, I'd say it's the latter).

The story picks up where it left off and we are introduced to some new characters, some you know will be there (Gabe), some you have no idea existed (because they shouldn't - Camille and Mase) and some you wouldn't have expected in your wildest dreams. I'm not saying who. ;)

Considering the fact that After The Ending took our characters on a several months long journey, you will be interested to know this book takes place during one week. Who knew so much could happen in a week? And even though the story mostly switches between Dani and Zoe again, it's from Dani's perspective that we learn the most intriguing bits.

And those that would make you scream in frustration.

Also, at some point I really wanted to scream in frustration at both Dani and Zoe - I was just starting to think Zoe was the rational and cool-thinking one, after I got upset with Dani thinking with her heart, and then Zoe goes and does the same. And Dani turns smarter.

I'm blaming it on the fact that they are still young and facing a new world, not on the fact it suited the authors to move the story in that direction.

It was one of those books that make you turn into a reader who calls out for blood for the bad guys. It seems in this case, the BAD guy might be even worse than you thought but we'll get to learn that in the next book.

So, to sum it up (I always wonder if I manage to convey through my thoughts how much I liked the book) - I practically inhaled it. Through my eyes of course. ;)

P.S. I just want to add, this book deals with some unethical and immoral choices bad people make. It also deals with how people can act differently when faced with such problems and how difficult choosing the right path sometimes can be. Also, how easy it is for the bad guys to take over. :(

Christine says

Just like its predecessor, Into the Fire was brilliant. I mean, with the way After the Ending finished off, I'm not surprised. But, can I just take a moment to say, "Whoa?!"

I had about two minutes at the end of After the Ending to relish in the fact that best friends Zoe and Dani were reunited and all seemed to be wonderful. I should have known.

Into the Fire takes place immediately following the first book and as with After the Ending we get both Zoe and Dani's perspectives. Only, this time we get a new perspective, as well. That of a character named, Mason. I won't delve too much into who he is, because I really like to leave people in the dark, as far as plot goes, but I will say that I loved him! He only takes up a few chapters of the book, but I felt sucked into his story just as much as Zoe and Dani's.

We get introduced to just a few more characters in this second installment. Some of them absolutely great, some of them make me want to punch myself in the face. They're that bad. Really. I think more than anything, in this story we get to see our characters' abilities changing and growing. Right along with the

characters, themselves. I love me some personal growth in a character. And I see both Zoe and Dani conquer some personal hurdles of theirs.

Instead of a more Dani-Jason centric story, I enjoyed having some Zoe-Jake time. Those Lindseys sure know how to write some strong men. Goodness!

My only worries are that there may be a potential love-triangle. I really hope this isn't the case because I feel like these couples have enough on their plates. they don't need the added stress or drama of unrequited love.

As for how I feel finishing this book. Well, of course we got left with a cliff-hanger. And, of COURSE, it made me crazy! But, it's the kind of crazy that is going to keep checking to see when the next book comes out.

Christy @ Captivated Reading

Theresa says

Loved it. The storyline is so involved it draws you in while still making sense. The way each character faces their own internal and physical struggles are perfectly portrayed. And there's maps!

Starts when the first left off, with Dani being captured by the Colony. Then we switch back and forth between Dani discovering how rotten the core of the Colony is and the role each played in the spread of the Virus. While Zoe's group tries to come up with a plan to rescue her.

They split into two groups sending pregnant Sarah with some others farther into the mountains to keep them safe. We don't hear about them anymore after that, so presumably that's in a later story.

The main group learn unknown family history and discover long lost family. They have a hard time keeping Jason from taking off on a suicidal rescue of Dani, especially when she's able to connect with Zoe telepathically and tells them what's going on in the Colony. Zoe & Jake's relationship travels some very rocky ground, but they manage to work through til fate throws them a hardball.

I was fascinated by how all the abilities were used both in the group and in the Colony, especially Dani. Though I got a bit confused as to who could do what.

Best scene(s): Bathing in the cold river and breaking into the General's office.

Jilly says

I'm so torn about these books! I like the story, and all of the side characters, but I don't like the two main girls that much. They are all of the things that make girls look bad: selfish, immature, girl-haters (except each other), catty, bitchy, and weak. So, I was really hoping to see growth from them in this book. But, since this book takes place within only one week, I guess that wasn't possible. What was possible, however, was for them both to start throwing temper tantrums, like 2-year olds. That's right, they both decided to yell and hit when they got angry. WTH?

First, we have Zoe, when Jake doesn't want his sister being used as a pawn for the twisted army to take and abuse again. Zoe thinks this is wrong of him - that he should be willing to give his sister to the people who she *knew* (because she had seen her memories) had literally abused this girl. So, Zoe freaks out when Jake decides that he will not allow this to happen to his sister and wants to get her the hell out of there (a normal reaction).

I pushed, shoved, and slapped him again and again. "You son of a bitch!"

Really? This is how a 26 year old woman handles her emotions? But, hey, in the last book she had fallen to her knees, crying, in front of a bunch of people. She is an emotional child.

Next, we have Dani, who was feeling overwhelmed by her feelings so she decided that hitting Gabe was the best way to deal with them.

***I was fully aware that Gabe had done nothing but help me, but I had to lash out at something....
I yelled as I stepped closer and slapped him as hard as I could.. I slapped him again and felt wicked satisfaction when he brought his hand up to his reddening cheek.***

So, what, it's perfectly okay for women to hit men as much as they want, but woe to a man who hits a woman? Because, frankly, I don't think a woman should hit her friend or lover any more than I think anyone should hit anyone else. And, I don't like the idea that women are being portrayed as so emotionally immature and out-of-control that they must resort to hitting and throwing temper tantrums when they are upset.

I truly, truly hope that these women can grow the hell up in the next book!

Rebecca (BookBacon) says

I received the book INTO THE FIRE as an ARC in exchange for a fair and honest review.

If you loved the action-packed storyline of 'After the Ending' then you will also love the second installment in the series. This book delves more into the 'fantasy' and finally gives us a little background into the mysterious virus that killed most of the population.

So, there are three reasons why I LOVED the book and then another one or two that kind of made me feel a little -meh.-

To Love....

- 1.The introduction of a few new characters and the reintroduction of a few old ones really helps to flesh out the story. There's the dead, which we know piled up during book one in the series, the living (in the form of crazies and those special individuals with 'Abilities') and now there is something in between. I won't go into details on this, but it does greatly add to the novel over all.
- 2.The relationships between the characters, though there are fewer 'hot and heavy' scenes than the first novel. As the relationships between Zoe/Jake, Zoe/Jason, Dani/Jason and Dani/MG (Gabe) develop, it helps the reader to really feel for the characters. I love the romance between Zoe and Jake especially because it's pretty raw.
- 3.The development of an evil. In the first book, there were enemies, but for the most part, the characters spent a lot of the book facing different challenges. In book two, a strong, powerful and evil entity emerges.

Or not to Love....

- 1.The ending seemed really drawn out. I know that the book was developed in the final scenes to establish a precedent for following books in the series, but after a while I felt that it should have been cut down at the end a little bit.
- 2.Call me sadistic, but the first book sparked my interest in some ways because it described gross, violent scenes. Meeting with the murderous/rapist cult, encountering crazies and beating on the dead bodies of loved ones all contributed to the horrors that the characters experienced during the apocalypse.

Over all, I really look forward to reading the next two books in the series. I am definitely a fan of the series for sure and think that this book should emerge as a fan favorite. I will close out this review with a few questions for the future...

- 1.Tavis? Who's gunna fall for that guy first? It better not ruin any of my favorite relationships?
- 2.Will Zoe's little thinking problem ever be resolved and how will it affect her relationship with Jake?
- 3.What will happen with Gabe?

Looking forward to the next installment!!

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