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After the zombie apocalypse decimates the world, human civilization tries to put itself back together again. Their secret weapon: the Mechs. But what happens when a mech pilot dies in his mech and becomes a zombie? Hell on earth is unleashed...

## Dead Mech Details

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## From Reader Review Dead Mech for online ebook

### Calvin says

dialogue that is in this:

"i'd rather not have the only working uterus in the wasteland"  
"You sure have balls." "Last time I checked" the commander quipped"

jesus... what can i say about this?

copious amounts of swearing because the author grew up in a house with a lot of swearing. he even stated that he took words out so he could fit more swearing into the drabble format. the problem i have with the swearing is that it is so forced. when you are under stress and need to convey information to someone really quickly, you tend not to swear because it just wastes time in a life or death situation. the amount of swearing is reminiscent of someone who just learned swear words and decided to use them in everything. it's like having a brand new pair of shoes. you gotta try them on! wear them all the time!

none of the characters are unique. they are basically the same character with different names and slightly tweaked fighting skills. they all are constantly wisecracking and bantering for no reason. again, during tense life or death situations, they are just wisecracking to each other. one liners after one liners. it quickly starts to wear on you. the author claims that none of the characters are based on any archetypes, which i believe because these characters are so one dimensional that we would be hard pressed to find an archetype that would fit them. the only person who has a back story is the commander(?) which is paper thin and told through dream flashbacks... jesus... really? he's tortured by nightmares so those get described and that's how we get his backstory. the characters are so generic that you could mix and match them into each different "role" and they would fit with no changes in their "personality". the only reason that you can tell a character is female is because the author is so in your face with them being female (see uterus quote above). i'm not saying that there should be well delineated stereotypical female characters, i'm just saying there could be more nuances and subtlety to the way that characters are fleshed out. the author also doesn't describe any of his characters, which he points out gleefully at the end of the audiobook because no one on the forums asked about that so he thinks no one notices. he wants us to use our imaginations to fill in the appearance of these characters. i get it. it could work, but the world he built is also so devoid of description that you start wondering where are they? what do their mechs look like? what does the setting look like? is he trying to build a world or does he just have no clue? is he lazy? maybe it's because of the drabble format, but a few drabbles of description could have gone a long way.

the premise of the story seemed interesting. humans that pilot mechs become zombies and then they keep piloting their mechs when they are zombies because the interface is so good. sounds interesting, but the setting and the rest of the story itself is very generic. the author claimed to be a contrarian and original but there is nothing original about the plot or the setting. zombie apocalypse, crazy cultists, mechs, cannibal rapists, etc... there is so much dialogue! just so much he saids and she saids etc... apparently why mechs themselves don't have a kill switch will be explained in a later novel, but i probably will never find out.

that relationship between the commander and his daughter was just creepy. why do they keep calling each other "papa bear" and "baby girl" is she 8? 12?

## Chris says

I liked the story. I liked the Mechs and the Zombies. The language was a bit much for me. In the Afterword/Q&A, the author makes no apologies for, and even defends, his overuse of cursing. I think it would've still been a good story had the author made an attempt to tone it down a little. Just my \$0.02. Thanks for the story, Jake.

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## Ryan Purvis says

### Deep seated adventure

A very different feel to the usual Jake Bible novel, which only served to be more entertaining. The combination of silicon and carbon characters proved to be a good mix and the story flows quite well.

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## Larry Kenney says

ok, this book is a guilty pleasure. It's not an amazing book, but I loved it and devoured it. It covers all kinds of genres, including post-apocalypse, zombies, mecha, military sci-fi, dystopian societies, and even some cyberpunk influence. And, of course, the most unique aspect, zombies driving mecha.

If you are the type of person who loves a cheesy B grade action/sci-fi movie, then this book is the literary equal. It's not among the best, but its fast and fun and completely enjoyable as long as you don't take it too seriously.

Before I go further, I have to talk about the Drabble Novel. The author wrote this book in a very unique style. The POV changes every 100 words, exactly. This doesn't leave a lot of space for long descriptions, or lengthy dialogue. So, the book requires a little imagination to picture the settings and characters. It's a very different style, and is pretty distracting at first. However, you soon get used to it, and the author does a good job keeping the story coherent and flowing in this format. I thought it might be a deal breaker before I started reading the book, but ended up being a non-issue pretty quickly.

I'll start with the good. I enjoyed the blend of all the different genres. They worked well together. However, the strongest part of this book is the plot. It steam rolls from point A to point B, without taking any detours or slowing down, and is part of what makes it so enjoyable. The idea of the Dead Mechs is a unique one, and something I wouldn't mind seeing more of.

However, there are a few pretty glaring defects. The main thing that slapped me in the face is how poorly the military sci-fi portion of the book was handled. It was not convincing in the slightest, and had more the vibe of a group of vagabonds hanging out than a structured military unit. The characters are pretty one dimensional, with no character growth being shown by pretty much anyone. There is a lot of fuzzy logic in place, and a few things just didn't make sense to me at all.

With that said, I LOVED THIS BOOK! Despite some pretty big flaws, I devoured this book and enjoyed every minute of it. The fanboy in me for zombies, mecha, and over the top B movies couldn't get enough.

If you are looking for a serious literary work, then I would pass this book by. If you just want to have a grin

inducing good time reading about mecha stomping through fields of zombies, then I highly recommend this book.

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### **PJ Lea says**

#### **Man and mech.**

Jake Bible is the drabble master! I've never read a book before that was written this way and it's pretty awesome. I loved all the characters, including the mechs. The story was really exciting with man and machine united against an array of enemies, even the ending was thrilling with a bit of a cliffhanger to have your heart pounding.

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### **Pauline Ennis says**

Loved this book, a great new twist on the zombie genre. Great characters, I would guess Mr Bible has a intelligent and strong better half as he writes his women characters like that, they aren't just beautiful fillers, they don't sit around waiting for men to rescue them. Harlow is a great character in particular. How he can make several tons of metal cute is beyond me, but he does, Stomper :) The Rookie arc of the story was also very good.

I enjoyed this so much I have downloaded another in the series, 3 before 2 because i need to know what happens to the team and Shiner, and have left downloaded books in a que on my kindle which is vexing me, thanks Mr Bible for setting off my slight OCD :)

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### **Tobias Queen says**

I first "read" this in audio format, and folks, I just gotta say...Wow!

Action Movie, Horror Story, Sci-Fi Thriller, Post Apocalyptic Tale of Zombies & Super Science gone awry.

But all of that is really just the backdrop, the setting, against which the story is told. It's all about the characters here. Just trust me on this one. If you ever enjoyed any of the aforementioned genres then you're going to enjoy Dead Mech.

So, take a leap of faith and dive in.

**BUY THIS BOOK!**

<http://www.amazon.com/DEAD-MECH-Apex-...>

You won't regret it. Honest.

-Tobias E. Queen

## Sue Baiman says

There are a few things to keep in mind when reading this review. First of all, I usually hate zombie stories. I just don't get them. The whole coming back to life to eat the living thing is patently stupid (imho). Not to mention scientifically preposterous. Secondly, I'm not a big fan of post-apocalyptic stories. They are just too damn depressing and dreary for my tastes. And, Finally, I have a low tolerance for blood, guts, gore, and violence--the ick factor. Well, I used to anyway...

I both listened to the podcast version and bought the ebook version of Dead Mech. Reading and listening were both wonderful experiences but for different reasons. I highly recommend both.

This novel is unique in that it is the first drabble novel. A drabble is a piece of flash fiction that is exactly 100 words. Not 99. Not 101. He wrote this story one drabble at a time. Each one is a complete thought, often a scene, sometimes a part of a scene. But, each is a perfect drabble. This alone astonishes me and made the read very enjoyable. Because of the nature of a drabble the writing is tight and precise.

Jake is a natural storyteller and hearing the book read by him was a joy. Dead Mech was his first podcasting experience and he learned and improved as he went; but it is good from the very first episode and only gets better.

For me, the thing that is the biggest determining factor in whether or not I like a story isn't the plot, or the genre, or the setting...it's the characters. If the writer can bring the characters to life and make me care about them, I'll follow them damn near anywhere. Jake does that beautifully here. The story lines are all good and tightly interwoven. But, the characters are real and memorable. I was surprised to realize when listening to his Q & A episode afterwards that he never gave full descriptions to any of the characters. Yet, even now, I still see them all clearly in my mind. And somehow I know the Rookie has blue eyes. Trust me on that.

Remember the objections I listed at the beginning of this: zombies, post-apocalyptic, and the ick factor? Well, this is about giant mechanized war machines in a post-apocalyptic world where not only are there zombies, but the mechs themselves become zombies...throw in some cannibalism and cage fighting and well, there you have it. Even with all of that, I absolutely LOVED this book. That's how wonderful the characters are and how fine a job Jake did with the writing.

There were moment when I laughed till I cried; others where I just cried. I finally get zombie stories--it's NOT about the zombies. The zombies are just the obstacle for the heroes to conquer.

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## David Dalton says

Plenty of zombie & mech action in this one. Overall I would say 3.5 stars. A tad confusing because the story switches between characters points of view so rapidly. You'll be zipping along reading about one set of characters over here and the next paragraph the story switches to over there and another set of characters. But, I got used to it. Love several of the characters, probably Harlow (she is one tough character & very handy with swords) the best of the bunch. I'll check into the other two books in this series to see if I want to move on.

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## **Al says**

Hundreds of years after the zombie apocalypse decimates the world, human civilization has put itself back together again. Their secret weapon against the zombie hordes: the Mechs. Massive robotic battle machines. But what happens when a mech pilot dies in his mech and becomes a zombie? Hell on earth is unleashed... Prepare for a high action, fast paced, hell ride through a futuristic wasteland as Mech Base Commander James Capreze and his crew of mech pilots battle zombies, cannibals, religious cults and worst of all, the Dead Mechs, all to try and save the human race one last time. Jake Bible's Dead Mech: The future may not be completely dead, but it's on its way...

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## **Valerie says**

### **Surprisingly good**

Larger than life characters in an apocalyptic world. I enjoyed reading this story & will definitely continue to read the series.

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## **Ryan Burt says**

The zombie craze has taken over the world. Well this book has a new twist on the craze that made it great. Imagine Pacific Rim with zombies. The world was decimated but zombies but the humans have survived. Not only survived but are fighting back. Fighting back with 50 ton Mechs.

What do you do when the human pilot driver dies and becomes a zombie?

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## **Veronica says**

I will admit that I was a little hesitant to read this series. I enjoyed the hell out of the Z-Burbia series so I don't know why I was so reluctant to pick another of his series up but I am glad I did. This was a different take on Zombies. A look at what things could be like in the future after all hell has broken loose. I am very much looking forward to the rest of the series.

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## **L.B. Sisk says**

This was one of first group of books that I purchased on my Amazon Kindle app. Enjoyed the experimental style, and the story was very cool. I've read the entire series, which transported readers to a wild, harsh world that was complex, brutal ... yet hopeful.

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## **John says**

I wasn't sure I'd like it. I bought it, but had reservations. Mostly because I'm growing bored of the zombie thing, but when I saw it was zombies and mechs, I was curious.

Curiosity rewarded! Great book, well worth the read, might even fall into the read again later category, it was that engaging.

Even if you're (Like me) kinda over zombies, go get this awesome book.

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