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Sometimes, the only way to get rid of an infestation is to light a fire. A purging fire. There are those who believe the rise of the vampire is nature's own purging fire, set to rid the world of the infestation known as humanity.

The Day Soldiers disagree.

Since the Battle of New York a year ago, life has not been easy for the Day Soldiers. They have taken a beating. The creatures of darkness have declared victory and are working to build a new world where human beings are a food source and nothing more.

Humanity is hurt, but not defeated. Led by Commander Geoff Wallace, the surviving soldiers have a plan in place to take the world back from the dead.

The second book in the Day Soldiers Trilogy, Purging Fires raises the stakes in all regards. The fate of the world rests in the hands of a small team of soldiers devoted to standing against the darkness. Through adversity, we gain strength, but there are limits. We are, after all, only human...

## **Purging Fires Details**

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## From Reader Review Purging Fires for online ebook

### Erin Henry says

Still good with more twists. Will definitely continue the series.

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### Valerie (Howler\_Puff) says

This whole series have horrible covers..

Ugh the second book is sooo good. There is so much loss again. You really feel for these guys. AND I LOVE FEELERS! I forgot about some parts so there was a lot of "OMG" moments and I even teared up a few times!

Well this book picks up 6 months later from the ending of the first book. Lily is still badass..she is kicking ass and taking names! The beginning is kind of slow but it really starts to pick up at the middle and that is when shit gets real! I love the story and the humor in this book! It has the perfect amount of plot twists! I do think this was better than the first! So flippin good! I'm going to start book 3 right meow..

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### Deanna says

Fantastic second book to this exhilarating series. I have book three downloading now.

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### Nathan Boxall says

A superb continuation of the story. I'm very glad it's not simply a repeat of the first book with different bad guys. This book introduces more variety making it another awesome read. Can't wait to start the next one in the series.

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### Yalle Ondarza says

Brandon Hale does not cease to amaze me with his books. Purging Fire is a great sequel to Day Soldiers. The book is just so full of action; it also addresses some political and social problems in an unexpected way. My only complain that I wish there were a little more romance, but again I am a girl. I cannot wait for the next one. There is absolutely no way the next book could let me down, judging by the way this one finished.

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### Sharon Michael says

Second book in a series and I really liked the first book. Finished the first book and immediately purchased the second.

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This book ended in a classic cliff-hanger, which is something I dislike enough that it is an absolute 'end of series' for me. If the cliff hanger isn't a problem for you and you want to buy both books and complete the series, it may work just fine for others.

Something done in this manner ... first book free, nicely wrapped up storyline, second and third books not free and the second book an absolute cliffhanger ... seemed even more annoying than usual.

Unfortunate because except for that, I'd have continued with the series.

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## **J.R.C. Salter says**

I was looking forward to this book, and Hale didn't disappoint. It is still as unpredictable as the first, with an epic final battle and an added element of grey morality thrown in.

We start off a year after vampires have taken control of the world. The Day Soldiers are in hiding, werewolves own the wilderness, and humanity is being farmed for blood. It's a rather bleak outlook. At least on the surface. What is interesting in this book is the way Hale handles the vampiric occupation. It has been mentioned many times throughout the first book that vampires have been officially classified by the Day Soldiers as 'evil'. Yet it seems they treat their food source rather well. This causes a little friction between the 'victims' and Lily's Day Soldier 'liberators' half way through the book. I'm interested to see where Hale goes with this.

As for the characters, they're all just as good as last time, but I have to mention two new characters. The first is Carl. A soldier who has the potential to be another Jar Jar Binks; just that annoying character that seems to be in places he's neither wanted, nor needed. But Hale handles him pretty well. He ends up being a courageous fighter who only wants to fit in. I'm sure many people can relate.

The other character is, quite possibly my favourite new addition: Travis. To reveal anything about him, could count as a spoiler, so I'm not going to even try. Suffice it to say, he is completely insanely nuts and often cares too much about acting out 80's vampire movies. He acts for his own amusement and likes to see vampires suffer as much as humans, so at the end, you have no idea which side he's on.

One minor thing about the novel, though, is the cameo of a character supposed to be Dracula. He's never called by that name (instead referred to as Vlad), but there are enough clues as to his identity. I'm always wary of anything that includes him as it smacks of unoriginality. As far as I can recall, only Buffy the Vampire Slayer has pulled this stunt off. However, it isn't dwelled on and is only a short scene allowing a little exposition. It almost seems like gratuitous homage. But in a good way; it didn't detract from the story and the legendary character never overshadowed the rest of the plot.

Again, I have to mention the average writing style, but I still feel this is a good enough story to forgive it.

Definitely read it if you've read the first one. And if you haven't, read the first book, then read this.

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## **Seth Tucker says**

With the follow up to the phenomenal Day Soldiers, Brandon Hale has once again written an amazing piece.

He manages to build his world in greater colors than he did in the first book (no small task given the wonderful job previously done). As with any great book, our characters have grown and are continuing to do so. A new threat looms and the B Team find the stakes even higher than before, but this book was one that I could not put down it was fantastic from start to finish.

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### **Tanya says**

I really enjoyed this book. There's excitement & suspense. The pace is excellent. No unnecessary words or descriptions; no time wasted. It's a bit unbelievable at times, even for a supernatural story, when the main characters keep getting out of impossible situations or coming back to life. I'm willing to overlook that, though, and I'm excited to read the next book.

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### **P.D. Martin says**

Really enjoyed the second instalment and looking forward to the next!

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### **Angel Grimes says**

Just as good as the last one, nothing much really to add to my review except..YAY get to read the third one now! And This author does not pull his punches!

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### **Deity says**

Even better than the first book. Can't wait to start book three

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### **Alison says**

#### **Another great read**

This was another great read. can't for the next book. It was a thrilling ride, but and and we're wolves working together to save the world!

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### **Melanie says**

Purging Fires (Day Soldiers #2)

By Brandon Hale

Reviewed by Melanie Copeland

In the second book of this series, the battle for New York is now over. A small faction of humans is left to fight both the vampires and the werewolves for their right to exist and be treated like something other than cattle. The few humans that are left are now living in vampire compounds and being used basically as blood donors. So, what is a girl to do? Well rescue the world of course.

Vampires have now taken over the cities and werewolves have taken over the forests, there is little left for humans to do now that the world is divided and run by others. But, a select group of Day Soldiers called "Team B" have no intentions of just laying down for these other two species that now exist on the planet. They are out in action, lying low, attempting to free humans from the vampire's clutches. But, as they soon come to discover, the vampires are actually treating the humans well, so well in fact that most humans don't want to fight back anymore. They have begun to accept that this is the new world that they live in, and believe that there is no way to fight off these two groups anymore.

The werewolves are not out of the picture here quite yet. They are waiting for both man and vampire to essentially die off so that they can have full control of the earth. But, they are not sure that this is really going to ever happen. So, now the book almost becomes a tale of who will survive the longest to gain the planet.

There are some very strong ideals that this book pushes on, good vs. evil for one. We would all expect for humans to be good and vampires/werewolves to be evil. But, Hale has other ideas about this. Portraying humans as the ones who have destroyed the Earth, and vampires as the ones that have suffered under the darkness, as well as werewolves, who now really have nowhere to live, the ideas become garbled as the reader attempts to understand just who the good or bad character here is. What essentially makes a race good or bad, and what can be done to change it? It is a very interesting concept as most vampire books rarely cross this line.

Action is definitely not left out in this second edition, as with the first, the characters twists and turns will keep you coming back for more. By the end, you will be on edge waiting to find out just what is going to happen, and who the victor will be. But, don't worry I won't ruin that for you. The main characters in this book, all of the "B Team" and especially Lily herself, will keep you reading well past daylight in search of answers to the questions that have been presented. There are gruesome fights, chemical weapons, magical/divine interventions and total blood baths that you will encounter throughout the book, leaving you wondering just who will win. Every time it seems that one faction has merged with another, a twist takes place and your whole view of the book shifts.

For a set that is based around the supernatural, I love that this book can not only include different viewpoints of humanity, good vs. evil, and life after extinction... Hale is able to close in on ideas that make this book almost a paranormal political thriller, as well as a fight for survival, and that is pushing a whole new boundary of the vampire genre. This is an excellent, must read novel, which will leave you hanging at the end, so be sure to buy the next one, because you are not going to want to put this down.

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## Rose says

The vampires have taken the cities and the werewolves have taken the forests. They think the war has been won. They're wrong. The B team is still out there doing their best to save humanity.

There were a few surprises in Purging Fires, such as... What happens to Grung. What the werewolves end up doing. The meeting with Vlad. My favorite part was the introduction of a new character, Travis. A serial killer who wants to be a vampire. Love this guy!! We were also introduced to another new character in the prologue who we don't meet again until the very end, after Travis tries to (or did) destroy America. I'm not sure how anyone survived or what shape the country is in as this is where the story ends...damn you evil cliffhanger. Good thing I already have the next book.

As I probably mentioned in my review for Day Soldiers, the story is incredible. I was totally wrapped up in it from the start. The characters are fantastic and the writing is amazing. I'd love to continue writing more about how much I'm loving this series but book three is calling.

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