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Seven days after a world-wide anthrax attack:

Governments have fallen.

Water and food are scarce.

And ten thousand tons of spent nuclear fuel rods are ready to spew radiation around the globe.

Survivors must battle nature and each other to reach safety before the Earth's surface is sterilized.

Redaction, Part II, The Meltdown--Will humanity be erased from the Book of Life?

Warning: This book contains violence, language and disturbing sexual themes.

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Amanda says

Almost as Good as the First

A bit slow and boring in some spots, this second book in the series kept me reading straight through until I was done. It makes me want to read the third book which will hopefully reclaim the intensity of the first novel. I am definitely glad I read this as it filled in a lot of blanks and questions I had. I can't really say more without giving away things.

Tina Ambury says

Excellent continuation. Just as well written and gripping as the first installment. Fast paced and full of action. The main love interest is stated though not elaborated upon and other relationships are explored or hinted at. Sex, including rape, is talked about but never depicted. Trent gets his comeuppance in an unexpected, startling and glorious way.

Beth says

I like a good apocalyptic story and I really enjoyed this one. It has a really interesting idea behind it and some very interesting characters. I like it when a story follows several stories alongside each other. I know some people have been offended by the spelling and lack of editing but I think this doesn't take away from the story. For me a sign of a good book is when I'm reluctant to put it down when my train gets in to the station and I definitely contemplated extending my morning commute for a bit more of this story.

Theresa says

This series just keeps getting better and better. Great read!!

Brian says

Very good sequel. Looking forward to the 3rd book.

Sheila Myers says

"Redaction: The Meltdown" is a wonderful continuation of the story Ms Andrews started in book one of this series. Unlike a lot of apocalyptic fiction I've read, this series follows a sequence of events which could be very real. The characters introduced in the first book are, in this book, shown to progress through their grief and fears so that they band more tightly together in order to survive. This is truly a story about what is

necessary for people to survive a horrible tragedy as well as a saga of good versus evil. Very well-written and entertaining.

T. Jackson says

This one is better than the first. I love all the different characters and how you follow each one. Can't wait to read Redaction: Dark Hope.

Tommy Darby says

"Redaction, part II, The Meltdown"

By Linda Andrews

I read the first book in this three part series about an apocalyptic plague. Did not like it but for some reason I had already purchased the second volume. It must have had an interesting book cover synopsis. I had a responsibility to clean my plate though and so went ahead and read this one too. It was better than the first volume, but still not a "Goodread." There are so many books out there better than this one that there is no reason to go ahead with the third and final volume.

The survivors of some plague escape the city where it started. The woman main character, Mavis", the surgeon general, or assistant surgeon general, is still in charge of the military and still holding hands with one of their officers. Lots of hand holding. Too much hand holding. How does the assistant surgeon general get to be the head of state? Is that a real line of secession? I will have to look that one up.

So this second volume is more about them traveling to a safe haven in the Colorado mountains. Nuclear reactors are now unattended and are melting down and releasing radiation. The mountain caves will shield them from radiation. I believe the third volume is about their survival after making it to the mountains.

This may be the first time I have read the first two volumes of a trilogy and dumped the third one. It was just not a good book. Maybe female readers would like it better. Maybe.

One star out of five.

Elena says

After devouring Redaction: Extinction Level Event in mere hours, I couldn't wait to get my hands on the sequel...and oh boy, I stayed up till 4am reading this!

We follow the crew of survivors we met in book 1, the kick-ass WMD specialist Mavis Spanner and her strong, devoted soldier love David, as well as young Mannie, wheelchair veteran Herry and the kids, as they rush to the safety of the mines to avoid the nuclear meltdown, resulting from the fact that the people manning the nuclear plants dying of the Anthrax attack in book 1.

We also get introduced to a second kick-ass heroin, school teacher preppy Audra, and follow her and the

school buses with survivors as they cross the wasteland of Arizona to reach the soldiers led by Mavis Spanner. She also has a love affair blooming in the midst of the apocalypse, which adds something special to the grim storyline. There is some comic relief as we watch the Principal and other teachers carry guns and try to escape evil gangs and survive, but still maintain their middle class, schoolteachers personas and humor.

The villain Trent, the bloodthirsty killer posing as a priest is gaining support amongst civilians in Mavis' group, spreading discord and distrust of the military, which can end in a coup. While soldiers keep on dying of anthrax and the sane people diminish, the 'wolves' find the opportunity to get control of some of the convoy and attack the soldiers trying to gain power.

Mavis and her group of faithful followers battle not only the elements, the anthrax in the atmosphere and the race against time before the nuclear plant goes bust and the earth becomes lethal for humans, animals and plants alike, but have to find the right way to manage the discord before Trent becomes a separatist force and the civilians attack the military few who try to get them to safety.

Storylines and subplots merge and meet each other in the end, as the different groups of people we follow converge in Colorado, in the safety of the mountains, where the book leaves you, with maybe the promise of another sequel. I am curious to see what happens when the nuclear plant erupts, and how life is going to be for the community of survivors in the mines, who seem to be one of the few groups that survive a total life on earth wipe out.

The story is so complex and the storytelling convincingly takes you through the charred, hopeless place where the survivors battle to make it to safety. Our heroes face numerous trials, scares and dangers, like gang rapes, shootings and sickness, but they hold on to their humanity, solidarity and hope.

It is a truly inspiring tale of survival, courage, wit, loyalty and determination. I laughed, I cried, I became one with the protagonists, really felling the anxiety of survival seep into my bones.

I absolutely loved it and any fans of dystopian fiction, war fiction and even romantic suspense fiction, would love it too.

Justin says

Deeply depressing as ever, but that is the subject matter. Well written, particularly around the fear and danger involved. Obvious in places, but still a good read.

Jennifer says

It was a good continuation. All kinds of bits got wrapped up. Although I think the ending was rushed. It could have been a more complete. It was a bit haphazard. The books were a fun romp with a good twist to the whole pandemic idea. If you like the pandemic type story these 2 books were a fun read and have some thought behind them. Not a waste of valuable reading time!

Holly says

Waiting on 3 rd book in Dec.

Angel Lepire says

Great book. Better than the first, in my opinion. There were a lot of new characters introduced in this sequel, but I didn't have hard time keeping track. More story and less description than the original (which was a big plus in my opinion.) All in all, I have really enjoyed the whole series!

Wendy Boccock says

Was in the mood for a good apocalyptic story, and this trilogy fit the bill.
