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WOULD YOU HAVE THE MINDSET TO SURVIVE?

to provide for, and defend the ones you love . . .

at all costs . . .

willing to confront . . .

the depravity of man?

This is a true story, it just hasn't happened yet.

A new dystopian, post-apocalyptic fiction series from six-time best-selling author Bobby Akart (The Boston Brahmin series and the Prepping for Tomorrow series).

36 Hours, book one in The Blackout Series, is an Amazon #1 Best Seller in three genres after day one!

The characters depicted in The Blackout Series are fictional. The events, however, are based upon fact.

Book one of this new post-apocalyptic survival fiction series, 36 HOURS, provided the reader a glimpse into the rapid decline of society once word of the catastrophic solar flare racing towards Earth began to spread.

Book two, ZERO HOUR, continues to follow the obstacles faced by Colton Ryman, his wife, Madison, and their teenage daughter, Alex. The Ryman family and the rest of the world are thrust into the blackout of a post-apocalyptic world. A catastrophic solar flare brought with it a blast of solar matter in the form of an EMP, leaving America in darkness.

The Rymans weren't preppers and had no concept of what prepping entails. They applied common sense, logic, and a will to survive to their decision-making as they prepared for the post-apocalyptic world created by the EMP.

The dangers they face are not from the solar flare itself, but from their fellow man. Who can they count on? Who is a threat? The words of Colton Ryman's grandfather repeated in his mind ...

Never underestimate the depravity of man!

BOOKS IN THE BLACKOUT SERIES

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Note: This book does not contain strong language. It is intended to entertain and inform audiences of all ages, including teen and young adults. Although some scenes depict the realistic threat our nation faces from a devastating EMP, and the societal collapse which will result in the aftermath, it does not contain graphic scenes typical of other books in the post-apocalyptic genre.

Zero Hour Details

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Byron says

This book was OK but I thought the proselytizing became heavy. I did order Book #2 (Zero Hour) to give myself another opportunity to appreciate Akart's work.

I started 36 Hours based on its premise "What would non-preppers do facing TEOTHWAWKI". I see myself falling into that category and felt Akart's vision might be enlightening. And to a certain extent I believe Akart accomplished that goal.

However, I felt bombarded with conservative pulpit pounding. While I agree with virtually all of Akart's conservative views I felt like a good church-goer sitting through a "fire and brimstone" sermon (no offense intended to any religion). If it is Akart's goal to spur non-preppers like me to action, he is doing a decent job. If it's his intention to convert Bernie Sanders to Ayn Rands' philosophy, I'm afraid his words will fall on deaf ears no matter how noble his cause may be. And it becomes wearing for those of us who do agree to rehash it repeatedly.

So if his rhetoric goes down a few notches and his descriptions of ingenuity in the face of adversity go up in this next work I'll give him more stars. As it is I have to rate this book as so-so.

Brian's Book Blog says

I'm going to add a disclaimer to this review. I LOVE Medical Thrillers/Bio-Thrillers. I've taken a liking to them ever since reading Michael Crichton as a kid, and then Richard Preston as a teenager. My fiction and non-fiction reading trajectory was paved with Medical Thrillers. Because of this, I was genuinely worried that one of my favorite authors was going to let me down by writing a book about a potential outbreak and not do his research. I have never been happier to be wrong in my life. Akart was able to write a book that is both utterly terrifying and incredibly enjoyable at the same time. I didn't even think that was a possibility.

With my disclaimer at the beginning, if you're not a bio-thriller or medical thriller fan (Robin Cook, Richard Preston, Michael Crichton, etc), you could still enjoy this book. This book, in particular, didn't go too "sciencey" making it unapproachable for the average reader (or even just an Akart fan from his other two series). It's a thriller where one of the main worries is a contagious and incredibly deadly disease. So it's action/thriller first and medical/bio second.

But, knowing that Akart was writing this series had me waiting with bated breath until it was released on audio. Then, I found out that he was going to use a dual narration for it. My excitement level (which was already high) skyrocketed. Usually, when that happens, the book is just okay, or average since I want it to be so good, I'm usually harder on it. But, as I said above -- I shouldn't have doubted Akart, he absolutely knocked this book out of the park.

Pandemic: Beginnings is a brilliant book that combines basically every aspect of a good thriller with great main characters and throws it into a washing machine with terrorism, bio-weapons, and diseases. Turns it on "heavy soiled" and lets it go. What comes out is a perfect mixture of all the best aspects of what I mentioned above and the ability to scare the heck out of a reader. Seriously, shake someone's hand after reading this... I dare you.

"Mac" the doctor in this was a great main character who is both powerful and smart. A great combination for a female protagonist. She was also really funny and a few time when I wasn't scared for my life, Mac had me cracking up with the way that she thought of or approached things.

Akart, who didn't set out to be a Medical Thriller author has written a book that will stick with me for a long time. Easily comparable to Crichton, Cook, and Preston as one of my top bio-thriller books I've ever read.

And the best part is that he's just getting started. I hope that what follows in this series will follow some of the same blueprints that he's already laid out in Beginnings.

The dual narration was interesting. I've heard this done well and terribly. This was right in the middle. In the beginning, I was worried because the female narration parts are only for talking parts. Mac's internal thoughts were still narrated by Farrell. At first, this really bugged me. It just didn't seem to make any sense why it would work that way, but as I continued in the book and listening to it intently, I noticed that it didn't bother me anymore. It made a little more sense. Farrell is the main narrator who will give most of the talking parts, internal monologues, and "stage direction" (scene setting and stuff like this) while Adams (who has an AWESOME voice) will voice any female directly spoken parts. It worked better than I first thought it would and honestly it made this book fly by.

Olivia "Don't Blame Me I Voted for Hillary" says

In this excellemt third installment of his Yellowstone series, Akart shows how society has broken down in the wake of the eruption.

B Kevin says

Right-wing christian prepper porn"

Prepare to be bombarded with right wing propaganda as the world ends. It is not even a complete story, not that I have any intention of subjecting myself to any more of this. Now I need to shower!

Karina Halt says

Another thrilling read by Bobby Akart! This book is a great second book in series, one of my absolute favorites I've read this year! Very frightening!! Do not miss this series!

Mark says

Edit 11/25/18: I change my review to one star. This author is a jerk.

Title: Yellowstone: Hellfire

Author: Bobby Akart

Publication Date: Aug 2018

Genre: Post-apocalyptic

Score: 3/5

A journeyman effort in post-apocalyptic fiction. There weren't any grammatical errors. The author is a... libertarian? Maybe a right-winger? There is a glowing portrayal of Trump included. It made me laugh. I guess the joke's on me though because I finished the book (and purchased it.) The libertarian elements are noticeable but not over the top.

It's about Yellowstone erupting. There's a Cassandra scientist and the rugged man who carves a place out in his heart for her. It appears to be decently researched with regards to supervolcanos.

I would give this a solid 2.5/5. I would recommend it to anyone who likes the very small subgenre of supervolcano post-apocalyptic fiction.

David Potocnik says

Exciting. I will give it that, though by the time I realized the political persuasion, and the selling of an agenda throughout the book, I finished as fast as possible. It seemed to be good, though it read as if fox news or Breitbart were the brains behind the operation. From the beginning, the author's note about "no swearing," to not offend delicate minds. To the thin attempts at disguising the "first Latino president," the German chancellor, etc. There were also quite obvious water-carrying for nearly everything that the current administration has proposed: ban on immigration, a border wall, how "unfair" the media is, how all people are "sheep in need of a strong leader." I digress. It was not a bad read, but certain codes throughout appeared like mines that I kept tripping over. I will not be continuing in this series. Oh well.

Michael Gallagher says

Konkoly and Akart obviously are a great team. The first chapter pops right out of the news in Ukraine.

Perfectly paced and detailed by experienced pros. Way to go guys.

The book paces out the groundwork for a long and detailed series that breaks new ground for the master of techno thrillers, Konkoly. History-backstory-digs deep into the high and mighty in America and their dedication or not to the values of the great nation.

Steady read, if a little less action-packed than its predecessors! A grand puzzle box has been opened up. The pieces are on the table. Many of them are still uncovered. The series will be a great one, giving readers a chance to explore and put together the puzzle as it builds. More to come as I finish the book.

Jeff Benham says

This is a cerebral book, which is usually enough to keep me away. I started out by reading the first 11 chapters of Cyber Attack before figuring out it would be a really good idea to know what was going on

earlier. Basically there are 3 factions, the Loyal Nine, who you are introduced to during the course of this book, The Boston Brahman, the power brokers, and the Zero Day Gamers, a group of elite hackers. I grew up in MA during a time when Patriots Day was special and our curriculum emphasized our founding fathers. This is not your typical work of fiction, it is actual current affairs mixed with fiction. Fasten your seat belts, the ride is about to begin!

Olivia "Don't Blame Me I Voted for Hillary" says

This book tells the story of the Ryman family right after the EMP has brought about a power blackout. The reader witnesses the family as they cope with life without power and how they relate with their neighbors. It is a superb read--if I could give it more than five stars, I would.

Misty says

Here's a first for me. I'm going to let this one speak for itself. Enjoy. Sob.

"They finally stopped as their progress toward the front of the ball-drop stage appeared before them."

As their progress appeared, WHAT? Huh?

"Tyler laughed and slid her hand onto his butt. 'Feel that? Still dry after the twenty-story drop on the Nitro ride.'"

Fifth time this grown man and father of two has referenced soiling himself. OMG.

"He looked over to his first officer, who didn't appear to be physically injured, but only limp as a result of fainting."

The plane just CRASHED INTO THE WATER. You are STRAPPED into the pilot seat. The copilot is only limp as a result of fainting? Oh Good GOD

"'Jim, catch me! I can't—arrrggghhh!' Her body suddenly twisted on the pipe and she sailed downward."

She was on her way to her death, 45 floors below, and she decides to TALK LIKE A PIRATE? There are no words. No. Words.

"With the last final thrust, his boot and leg pushed through the glass".

Last final? LAST FINAL? ::shaking my damn head::

“Will wiped some more blood off his son’s face and then folded it over.”

Wait. Wait. He folded his son’s FACE? Wouldn’t that, you know, hurt?

“The collapse caused a chain reaction that looked like it was straight out of a Three Stooges movie, except it wasn’t funny.”

This is just bad on so many levels.

“Without going into unnecessary details right now, but a lot has happened on the East Coast this evening, and it’s all hands on deck for first responders and our Coast Guard.”

No. No. Seriously. Just. Just read that one again.

“He told the story of Paul Revere to his sister and the importance of the Liberty Tree.”

I....yeah..... ::sigh:: Jesus be an editor.

“Finally, he applied Polysporin ointment rather than the more commonly used Neosporin. They both had the same active ingredients except Neosporin also contained neomycin, which had been associated with allergic reactions and contact dermatitis.”

Voted most random piece of information EVER. Why? Just. WHY?

So there you have it. This is just a brief glimpse into the world of author Bobby Akart: where grammar, spelling and punctuation rules cease to exist; where the first 45% (FORTY FIVE PERCENT) of a novel is unnecessary background information; and where conclusions of any kind fear to tread.

I give up. It’s a one. A ONE. ??

Denise Keef says

Whew! WHAT a story! Bobby Akart has done it again with a story that will have you wondering if the world really will end tomorrow! He has taken one more possible scenario and turned it into a nightmare of what could happen to end our world as we know it! He has taken us through a cyber-attack and EMP and now a pandemic of the plague. This story had me squirming all the way through thinking of all the things I touch on a daily basis without thinking a thing about it. Which would be what the terrorists would be counting on! Every day of our lives, we touch door handles, shopping carts, money, handrails, etc. not knowing if the

person before us has a communicable disease. After reading this story I will be much more aware of touching something and then putting my hands near my face and I will be sure to carry my hand sanitizer with me and use it often! Bobby Akart put a scare into me with this story not to make me a total paranoid recluse but to make me aware of what is out there and what could possibly happen. The research that this author did for this book was very thorough and I for one appreciate everything he has put into it. I loved the development of the characters from loving some to really disliking others and to finding out what makes some of them tick the way they do. I am never disappointed by any of Mr. Akart's books and I have read almost all of them and Beginnings is now at the top of my list of all time favorite stories. I am so looking forward to reading the next book in this series. I know it will be just as exciting and edge of my seat good! Definitely should be added to everyone's reading list!

S. Sapkota says

A powerful fast paced and a realistic novel that leaves the readers on the edge of their seat and biting their nails in excitement and thrill.

Denise Keef says

The Yellowstone caldera is one of the biggest threats to mankind. One that could erupt at any time and put the survival of every living creature at risk of extinction. But the eruption of the massive volcano is not the only thing that is a threat to Jake and Ashby as they make their way to California and hopefully the safety of Mad House owned by Jake's parents and then on to Saratoga. No, the ugly side of man has started to show. Those who haven't prepared for an emergency are getting hungry and are looking for supplies and then there are those who are just out for themselves and just want to take what isn't theirs. The action starts and never lets up in this, the third book in the series. The excitement of following along with Jake and Ashby is breath holding worthy and heart stopping at times as they fight for their lives against the degenerates that will stop at nothing to gain what they want. No place seems safe now and finding a safe haven seems like a dream but the two of them keep on going to where they hope to finally find security. Will they finally be able to let down their guard when they reach Fruitvale West, a gated community where Jake's parents had lived, or will it have to be just another stopping ground for them? Time will tell but by the looks of things there, not is all as it seems...

I absolutely loved this addition to the series and how Bobby Akart portrays everything so realistically. This is not just an entertaining story, it shows us what we need to do and look out when the shtf and hopefully be able to survive another day. Thank you Bobby for such an exciting series that has kept me up long hours into the night until I turned that last page! I am so looking forward to the final book and then to the next adventure you take us all on!

Leslie Bryant says

Sabotage from inside and all around haunts the 5th novel of Bobby Akart's Texas Strong series. In other words the Fifth Column has showed their 'faces' and is causing all kinds of havoc, including murder, explosions, and assassinations. Duncan is trying to stem the flow of invasion while the Armstrong ranch waits in the peace before the all out battle for their home begins. The anticipation is mounting and I am sure Bobby has a humdinger of a conclusion planned.

